

NEWS

Local woman wins photography contest



Grayling resident Sue McNally has an eye for nature. She was the overall winner of the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District amateur photo contest, outscoring contestants from throughout northern Michigan. 9A

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SPORTS

Varsity squad wins two of three series at HL



In their final four regular season varsity volleyball matches, the Vikings of Grayling High School won two series and lost two series. On Monday, Oct. 27, the squad defeated Houghton Lake and Gladwin 2-0. 1B

JV volleyball squad defeats Bobcats, Falcons



Grayling High School's junior varsity girls volleyball team defeated the Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights and the Bobcats of Houghton Lake during a four-team meet held at GHS last Monday. 2B

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Voters approve road millage

Crawford County voters gave a green light for a millage proposal to fund the maintenance and reconstruction of county roads at the polls on Tuesday.

Voters supported the five-year, one-mill proposal to fund the reconstruction and maintenance of county roads done by the Crawford County Road Commission by a 3,529 yes to 3,259 no vote. The millage will generate about \$543,000 per year for road repairs.

In local political races Tuesday, incumbent Republican Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright survived a challenge from Democrat Mike Duffy. Wright received 1,561 votes to Duffy's 1,483 votes.

In the race for the four Grayling township trustee positions, incumbent Shawn Krays was the top vote getter with 1,940 votes. Duane Brooks followed with 1,755 votes. Incumbent trustee Dennis Long received 1,662 votes and Linda

Munsey was supported by 1,544 votes. Brooks and Munsey were elected to their positions during the August primary election. No party affiliation candidate James Cox received 848 votes and no party affiliation candidate Terry Cranston was supported by 765 votes, in their failed bids for the trustee seats. In the race for the Grayling Township Constable's position, Albert R. Ingalls defeated Allen J. Kangas by a 1,127 to 898 vote for the job.

In Beaver Creek Township, incumbent trustees, Republicans Megan Little and Gary Summers, retained their seats. Little received 494 votes, Summers had 486 votes and challenger Marvin Patrick Gregory, a no-party affiliation candidate, received 260 votes.

Incumbent Township Clerk Sharon Hartman defeated challenger Kim VanNuck, who mounted a write-in campaign for the seat. Hartman received 608 votes to VanNuck's 67 votes.

In Frederic township, Democrat William T. Johnson won the race for township supervisor with 348 votes. No party affiliation candidate Michael Girard followed with 140 votes and U.S. Taxpayer candidate George A. Emerson received 136 votes.

Also in Frederic Township, Republican Brian Hulbert and Democrat James A. Madill won the two township trustee positions on the board. Madill received 374 votes and Hulbert followed with 313 votes. Republican Matthew R. Hough received 256 votes and Stephen Wilson was supported by 250 votes.

In Lovells Township, Cynthia Infante, a republican, won in the township clerk race over Democrat Tamara Kengel. Infante received 210 votes, Kengel received 110 votes and Jan Reynolds, who ran as a write-in candidate, was supported by 32 votes.

Incumbent Lovells Township

Supervisor Democrat Frederick Schaibly survived a challenge mounted by Paul Jones, who ran as a write-in candidate, by a 236 to 36 vote.

In Maple Forest Township, incumbent Democrat Treasurer Denise Babbitt survived a challenge by Republican Joan Thompson by a 166 to 140 vote.

Finally, incumbent South Branch Township Supervisor Tom Kozlowski survived a challenge from U.S. Taxpayer candidate Clayton Bullard by a 628 to 160 vote.

Readers are encouraged to refer to next week's *Crawford County Avalanche* for results for the 1st Congressional District Seat, State Senator's position, 106th State Representative's Seat and for results on the two state proposals, since final vote tallies were not available by press time.

Kids enjoy Halloween hysteria



Photos by Dan Sanderson

The Resurrection Life Center held a Fall Fun Fest for families to take part in trick-or-treating activities on Friday. The Fall Fun Fest included hayrides, games and a hot dog cookout. Above, Andrew Graham snags a bite of a doughnut on a string. Below, Robert Dent Jr. receives candy from Karen Hobby during trunk-or-treat held at the Fall Fun Fest.



Lower Peninsula deer baiting ban impacts Grayling businesses

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Deer hunters, seeking bait to lure in big bucks and seeking a few vegetables for deer camp feasts, are advised to keep rolling by Jim's Farm Market in light of a state deer baiting ban.

Feeding and baiting deer has been banned in Michigan's Lower Peninsula after a deer was found to have chronic wasting disease (CWD) on a Kent County deer breeding farm in August.

Chronic wasting disease is a neurological brain and nervous system disease found in deer and elk. The disease attacks the brains of infected deer and elk and produces lesions that result in death.

The disease has been found in commercial game farms in Colorado, Nebraska, Minnesota,

South Dakota, Montana, Oklahoma, Kansas, Wisconsin, New York, in Saskatchewan and Alberta, Canada, and in an elk herd in Korea.

Dan O'Brien, a Department of Natural Resources wildlife veterinarian and epidemiologist, said it could take 30 to 40 years for CWD to play itself out if it spreads to other captive facilities or to the wild deer population.

In an effort to prevent the transmission of the disease, deer feeding and baiting has been banned in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Also, the 506 captive elk and deer farms in the state have been quarantined by the Michigan Department of Agriculture until further testing on the animals can be completed.

Deer hunting annually contributes more than \$500 million to Michigan's economy. See BAITING | 2A

Veteran's Day programs slated

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A host of programs, organized by Grayling High School students and veterans' organizations, are available for veterans and men and women currently serving the military to mark Veteran's Day.

The Grayling High School Student Senate will hold its annual Veteran's Day Ceremony at 9:25 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11, in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. The high school choir and student band will perform. The students will also be discussing the meaning of "Taps" and other veteran's symbols.

Veterans currently residing at Mercy Manor will be the honored guests for the program. Members of the Student Senate interviewed Mercy Manor veterans and some of the videos will be played during the ceremony. World War II veterans

Edd Ladd and Harold "Bum" Hatfield, a former Crawford County Sheriff, have passed away since the students visited Mercy Manor last winter.

"These veterans have made quite an impression on our kids," said Dale Forcier, a Grayling High School language arts teacher and Student Senate advisor.

After the program, the Carl W. Borchers VFW Post #3736 will host a luncheon for veterans at the American Legion Hall. World War II Navy Veteran Gerald Kellogg will be the featured speaker. Kellogg has traveled to both the North Pole and the South Pole and is a member of the Bluenose Society, an organization for military personnel who have been to both arctic locations. Kellogg served as an aide to Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd, a pioneering American polar explorer. See VETERAN'S | 9A

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Veteran's Day connects Grayling soldiers past and present

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Veteran's Day means different things to different people. For some, it is an occasion for quiet reflection. For others, it is a reminder of some very personal sacrifices.

Now that the Iraq war has raged on for over five years, Crawford County has veterans in every age group, with their number growing all the time.

As of this time last year, Michigan had over 1,200 Michigan National Guard Soldiers and Airmen deployed abroad, according to a Michigan.gov press release.

Veteran's Day is a reminder that overseas conflicts are nothing new. The holiday was originally established to commemorate Armistice Day, when major hostilities were ended in World War I on Nov. 11, 1918.

Grayling has a service tradition that spans back to this war and even earlier.

James Cuthbertson, who was once a famous professional boxer in Grayling, fought in the first World War. He was deployed in France from 1917 to 1919. During the final days of the war, he wrote a letter to the *Crawford County Avalanche* recounting his experiences.

The following is an excerpt from his letter:

"I now take great pleasure in writing a few lines to let you know I am 'over here' getting along as good as can be expected. Arrived in Breast [sic], France and imminently moved by rail eastward. I like it fine out this way, only the rolling of thunder and other noises startles me at times ... I have failed to find time to become lonely. In the evening we boys all attend the Y.M.C.A. entertainments; there we see regular shows movies, and vaudeville ... we have about every thing in the army, and we all would be a bunch of sad fellows if it were not for the Y.M.C.A."

I have not seen any Grayling boys since I left Camp Custer last May, but I know lots of them are over here. Certainly would welcome meeting some or in fact all of them. Just a few days previous to the time I sailed for here, I met Charles Fehr of Grayling at Washington, we had a very interesting chat ... I received the *Avalanche* yesterday, and have read it over a number of times; it gets the preference over all those other papers, about the first thing I looked for was the casualty list and could not find any, then I was glad. That is about the first thing a soldier looks for: two of my close friends have been killed in action. We feel sorry, but on the other hand we all can not return to our homes."



Fellow Grayling residents Charles Fehr (left) and James Cuthbertson (right) pose for a photo in France during World War I. Although Veteran's Day originally signified the end of World War I, the holiday now honors all veterans.

Many of the themes in Cuthbertson's letter, such as the need to see a familiar face, the pain of loss and dedication to duty, are likely to sound familiar to modern veterans.

"He said they all grew up very quickly," said John Cuthbertson, the son of James Cuthbertson.

Although Cuthbertson was not yet born at the time his father fought in World War I, he is well aware of the impact the experience had on his father and the community at large.

He said that the Grayling

railroad depot, which is now the site of the Crawford County Historical Museum, was a place of great emotion for both soldiers and their families.

"The railroad depot was where they all boarded together," said Cuthbertson. "Everybody was in tears because they thought their sons would never come home."

To many, Veteran's Day is a reminder that this sentiment has carried across all generations of military service.

Baiting ban impacts Grayling businesses

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million to Michigan's economy. The state has more than 725,000 deer hunters who have harvested an average of 425,000 deer annually during the past decade.

Chronic wasting disease is believed to be transmitted through animal to animal contact as well as indirectly through contaminated feed, bait or soil.

"All contacts that humans cause just get added to the natural contacts that are already there," O'Brien said.

Betty Bokhart, owner of Jim's Farm Market, said she is closing on Nov. 15, the opening day of the firearms deer season. Normally, Bokhart said she stayed open during the two-week firearms deer season and carried deer bait to lure customers into the store to buy fruits and vegetables to take

back to deer camp.

Bokhart still carries a limited amount of deer bait, since the practice is still allowed in the Upper Peninsula. She said the ban has caused a 20 percent drop in her business.

Bokhart said she is against an all out ban for people that like to feed deer for recreational viewing, and for fathers and sons heading out into woods for hunting.

"I don't think that the whole state should be punished for one deer in Kent County," Bokhart said. "That spoiled a lot of people's family outings."

Bill McQueen, the owner of Milltown Feed & Lawn Inc., said the ban has resulted in an early layoff of employees and a drop in sales. McQueen has carried deer bait at his Grayling business for 25 years, adding that the

bait ban is a hard blow to handle on top of the struggling economy.

"All the way around it's been just horrible," McQueen said. "I rely on that to get through the winter."

Jack Millikin, the owner of Skip's Sport Shop, said that the deer baiting ban is a hot topic in the store. He said that some hunters have lost interest in deer hunting and did not go out for the archery deer hunting season.

"There's not a hunter that comes through the store that doesn't mention that baiting ban," Millikin said. "They're disgusted with the decision, they are used to hunting over bait and that's the way they like to do it."

The state held one of four town hall meetings to educate the public on CWD at the Grayling High School last week.

Crawford County resident Ken Riehle said he plans to go to the U.P. for deer hunting, but that has more to do with being with family than the bait ban.

"It really doesn't make a difference if I get a deer or not, but I do like to put some meat in the freezer just like anyone else," Riehle said.

Still, Riehle said that the stigma of diseased deer, on top of the deer population in northeast Michigan found to have bovine tuberculosis, could make hunter's wary of hunting, butchering and consuming deer meat.

"They're doing a lot of checking and they have got a big job on their hands," Riehle said.

Danny Wilson, a Gaylord deer hunter, attended the meeting to educate himself on CWD.

"I'd hate to see this spread statewide," Wilson said. "I hope they can control it."

Some hunters and retailers believe the ban was implemented as an agenda to eliminate deer baiting.

Lieutenant Dave Davis, a DNR conservation officer

from Roscommon, said that stores could still carry deer feed and bait. Davis, however, said conservation officers would be doing aerial surveillance to find deer baiting and feeding.

Davis said 100 tickets have been issued since Oct. 1 in response to the ban.

"The product itself is not illegal, it's how you use the product," Davis said.

O'Brien claimed that the ban has not resulted in a drop in licenses for deer hunting.

"An apple is an apple until you use it to bait a deer," O'Brien said.

One hunter questioned why Wisconsin hunters were still allowed to bait deer. O'Brien said that decision has more to do with politics.

The ban was part of the Michigan Surveillance and Response Plan for CWD, which was developed in 2002 to address the emergence of the disease nationally.

"The chances of them being able to get rid of the disease are not good," O'Brien said.

Along with quarantining captive elk and deer farms, state officials will step up their program to test deer harvested by hunters.

Anyone who suspects seeing a deer with CWD, which would make it appear emaciated and not fear contact with humans, is urged to contact local DNR officials or call the Report All Poaching hot line.

Bruce Miller, who has had 40 elk on his Missaukee County Farm for the last 10 years, said he wants out of the business. Miller said state officials are mandating that he have a 10 foot fence to prevent contact between wild elk and deer and his captive elk. Miller already has an eight foot fence.

"In my opinion, they want us out of business and that is what is going to happen," Miller said. "They just keep hammering away at us."

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Pumpkin parade rolls through downtown



Photos by Dan Sanderson
Crawford AuSable School students, ranging from the Grayling High School Band down to AuSable Primary School preschoolers, held their annual Halloween parade through downtown Grayling on Friday. Above left, even teachers and parents got into the costume craziness as this ghoulish looking biker strolls down the street in the parade. Above, youngsters show off their Halloween costumes to parents, grandparents and downtown business employees gathered along Michigan Avenue.

City of Grayling recognized for streetscape improvements

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Although the merits of the City of Grayling's \$1.3 million streetscape project continue to be debated, at least one state organization found the downtown facelift worthy of recognition.

The City of Grayling received an award from Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc. for the downtown streetscape project. City Manager David Thayer accepted the award, on behalf of the city, at Keep Michigan Beautiful's annual conference held in Frankenmuth on Oct. 8.

In 1962, Governor John B. Swainson appointed a 17 member anti-litter committee for the state. The name of the committee was changed to Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc. the following year.

In 1965, Lady Bird Johnson sponsored a White House Conference on beautification. Thirty people from Michigan attended this national conference, and upon their return, they organized similar meetings throughout the state. At a meeting held in Lansing, Governor George W. Romney declared Keep Michigan Beautiful the official state organization to combat litter and promote beautification. Keep Michigan Beautiful coordinates annual statewide clean-up days, held April 1 to May 31, promotes beautification and restoration projects and encourages the enhancement of environmental quality.

Construction for the \$1.3 million streetscape project, which included paving Michigan Avenue and Burton Court, installing enlarged brick paved sidewalks and adding decorative lighting and landscaping, was wrapped up in the spring.

Pam Frucci, a Grosse Ile resident who is secretary of the Keep Michigan Beautiful Board of Directors, witnessed Grayling's downtown improvements while traveling to a meeting in Sault Ste. Marie and nominated the city for the award.



Photo by Dan Sanderson
The City of Grayling received an award from Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc. for the downtown streetscape project. Above, a couple of shoppers stroll down the sidewalk during the sunny afternoon weather on Monday.

"It just dressed up the city so nice and added to the beautification of Michigan for local residents and tourists and made it look like it wasn't so commercial," Frucci said.

Thayer, who has been the city manager for two years, said he was proud to be able to bring consensus to downtown property owners and Downtown Development Authority members to bring the project to fruition.

"It's a project the people of Grayling can take ownership in and should be proud of," Thayer said. "It accomplished its goals."

Bill Gannon, who owns Bear's Den Pizzeria, Growler's Pub Pizza and Brew, the Dawson and Stevens Classic Diner, and the former Northern Concepts and Shoppenagon's buildings, said the project has given business owners incentive to invest in the facades of their businesses.

"The visitors are enjoying the upgrades the city has made and I think the streetscape encompasses the strength and growth of our community," Gannon said.

Thayer said that city officials

appreciate being able to give the downtown a new life.

"The streetscape enhances the value of the businesses and adds to the curb appeal," Thayer said.

Thayer said that city officials are working on plans with area realtors and statewide developers in hopes of filling empty storefronts in the downtown business district in light of national economic woes.

"It's a problem, just like everywhere else in the country, everything is at a standstill," Thayer said. "I think that with the infrastructure in place, we will have a very vibrant town center."

City officials are also working with Michigan Department of Transportation officials to relieve traffic congestion during peak morning and afternoon travel times. Thayer said that includes encouraging motorists to take alternative routes to Mercy Hospital Grayling, the AuSable Primary School and the Grayling Elementary School.

"At the end of the day, I hope we have the whole thing put together," Thayer

said. "Nothing is easy and nothing happens over night."

Jamie Greer, owner of J. Dap. Co., said that the streetscape has given a boost to the downtown, especially for special events such as the upcoming Christmas Walk.

"I think especially during special events, having the wider sidewalks lets the pedestrians flow better and gives business owners space to display items and have added activities," Greer said.

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The ideal of a democratic government is too often thwarted by bureaucratic secrecy and unresponsive officials. Citizens frequently find it difficult to discover what decisions are being made and what facts lie behind the decisions. The Open Meetings Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976 protects your right to know what is going on in your government by opening to full public view the processes by which elected and non-elected officials make decisions on your behalf.

William Jackson, the Bear Lake Township Supervisor has taken the unusual step to have published in several newspapers an open letter "To All Bear Lake Township Residents" in which he chastises Laura Purtill and Susan Allen for filing what he calls "groundless complaints of official wrong doing." In other words, Mr. Jackson objects to Laura Purtill and Susan Allen exercising their rights as residents of Bear Lake Township. Mr. Jackson claims that the complaints are motivated by a political election. Is a citizen exercising their right to know how their government operates a politically motivated act, or is an advertisement in several newspapers signed by William Jackson, Bear Lake Township Supervisor claiming that the exercise of the right to know, a politically motivated act?

As to my complaint regarding an Open Meeting Act violation, Kalkaska County Prosecutor Donnelly found no evidence of wrong doing by the township board. I accept that decision because that is also part of the democratic process. Prosecutor Donnelly did not say that the complaint was groundless as William Jackson states. It should be recalled that Prosecutor Donnelly in a matter involving the Kalkaska County Road Commission was quoted as saying "This is very, very inconsequential stuff right now in my world" and later was quoted as saying "it's a lower priority compared to people who are raping and murdering." (Record Eagle September 7, 2008). Although I respect his opinion, I disagree that the right to know what your government is doing is ever inconsequential.

I was a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Bear Lake Township because I am concerned enough about how my government operates to become involved. I am concerned that you as residents are not provided with full public view of the governmental process. If you, as a resident, ask a question, will you also be ridiculed or chastised publicly? Will it make you think twice about asking your government a question? Will you lose your right to know?

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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Election week is tough time for writer

TOUGH COLUMN — An election week column always is one of the toughest assignments the Almanack faces in an election year, because it is written before the votes are cast, but is not read until after the election is over.

As this is written, I don't know who won or lost the Nov. 4 election, which rather restricts my range of ideas. In any election, it's not safe nor does it make any sense to write about who wins and who loses before the votes are all counted.

Remember that famous 1948 Chicago Tribune headline: "Dewey Beats Truman."

So it's only a little limb — but a pretty solid one — for the Almanack to offer the following comments.

Michigan's elections have been remarkably clean for many years.

In Michigan, we have faced no 2000 Florida ballot fiasco with hanging chads and butterfly ballots, no Chicago ballot shenanigans that shrouded the 1960 presidential results, no Texas manipulations that earned future President Lyndon Johnson the nickname of Landslide Lyndon for his first election to the senate.

WILLIAMS RECOUNTS — That's not to say that Michigan elections always have been free of controversy.

Democratic Gov. G. Mennen Williams faced not one but two statewide recounts in his early elections.

In his first try for the governor's chair, Mr. Williams won by a solid margin over Republican Gov. Kim Sigler.

But for the second Williams term in 1948, the governor's race results were in doubt for some time. As the polls closed, Gov. Williams appeared to trail popular former Republican wartime Gov. Harry F. Kelly, and a recount was in order.

Also on the 1948 statewide ballot was a proposal to permit sale of pre-mixed colored oleo in Michigan. Agricultural interests, defending real butter, campaigned for a NO vote. The recount turned up some oleo ballots which had been counted with the governor ballots, and once that was straightened out, Gov. Williams won his second of six terms by a slim margin.

Two years later, Gov. Williams

was in another tight race, this time with Republican Secretary of State Fred M. Alger. It took another recount to establish Gov. Williams as winner of his third term.

In his next three victories, Gov. G. Mennen Williams built comfortable leads, and no recounts were necessary.

These two successful statewide recounts established the late labor attorney Tom Downs as an accepted expert on recounts, and Mr. Downs subsequently was called upon often to advise Democratic candidates around the country who faced serious recount problems.

Tom Downs served in several official and unofficial roles through the 12 years of Williams administrations, and also was a vice president of the 1963 Michigan constitutional convention that wrote the present state constitution.

CLEAN ELECTIONS — Michigan obviously learned much from these election problems, and the non-political State Elections Division within the office of secretary of state, during both Democratic and Republican administrations, has become a

model of clean, non-partisan, open and effective election administration.

The 1963 constitution also calls for a four-person Board of State Canvassers, with two members representing each major party and appointed by the governor.

For many years, this bipartisan board worked relatively well, handling most election questions in a cooperative fashion. In more recent years, however, extreme partisanship bringing 2-2 tie votes on several controversial matters has hurt much of its effectiveness.

PERSONAL NOTE — My first vote for president was cast 60 years ago.

In 1948, I had recently come out of the army and was selling ads and writing news at my hometown newspaper, *The Coldwater Daily Reporter*.

I remember going to the house of the Girard Township Clerk in Branch County to register to vote after I became 21 that summer. This momentous rite of passage took place in her living room.

The election that year pitted President Harry Truman, Democrat, and Michigan native

Thomas A. Dewey, Republican, New York governor and former district attorney. I don't remember distinctly which candidate received my first presidential vote, but I assume it was Tom Dewey, based on home state pride.

It was an old fashioned paper ballot, upon which I proudly affixed my own X. Unlike my firm memory of my living room registration, I cannot remember where I actually cast my first presidential ballot.

In every presidential election since, I have been privileged to make my voice heard.

During those 15 presidential elections, I have voted for Republican candidates, for Democratic candidates, and in some years, when I really didn't care for either major party candidate, I have voted for third party nominees, but I have always voted for — or against — someone.

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Letters to the Editor

Just talking and complaining about it will not help

To the editor:

I am writing today to express the frustrations and anger that many citizens of Grayling are voicing. I am referring to the gas gouging practices our local stations are slamming us with in the ever failing economy that we are already dealing with.

There are no jobs in Grayling as it is and people are suffering, struggling to survive day to day. Should we as citizens of this community sit idly by and let the local big money makers keep taking what little money we have left?

Our taxes are already sky high and our grocery store is pretty much unshoppable, as their prices are pretty much double other grocery stores, making it still cheaper to travel out of town to purchase food. I would hope that the community has had enough of these gouging prices as well and shop elsewhere.

On to the even bigger concern with the gas stations in our town. They are allowed to continue to gouge us with their high prices, yet where do we go for help? Should our elected officials step in and find out what's going on? Has any of them tried to find out the reason for this insanity?

How about the city manager, could he have any answers? Or, is it possible

that these high prices have some sort of trickle down effect for some sort of gain for the city?

If you have had a chance to travel around this area, you will see that, in a 100 mile radius, we are and remain the highest priced gas town. Example, last Thursday, Oct 10, Grayling was charging \$3.47 a gallon. That same day, 80 miles north in one of the biggest tourist areas of Michigan, Mackinac City, the price for gas was \$3.33. How can that be when it has to be shipped 80 miles further north? Is it because Grayling is the only thoroughfare for neighboring cities such as Mio, Kalkaska and Traverse City? Are the station owners gouging the travelers trying to get to their destinations where gas prices are so much lower, and at the same time, gouging the citizens of our small town?

This is not only morally wrong, but it is adding to the slow death of this small community. We know the station owners do not live in our community, so why would they care if they gouge?

We as a community must stand together in the masses to get some relief. Just talking and complaining about it will not help. So, I am proposing the following to try and find relief, not only from our pocket books, but also from the daily frustra-

tions of not knowing how to fix this atrocity.

The first thing to be done is to report the gouging to the following consumer complaint sites:

Report price fixers and gas gougers to Attorney General Mike Cox at 1-877-765-8388 and also to the U.S. Dept. of Energy @ gaswatch.energy.gov/.

Next, why don't we attend the city council meetings and demand that steps be taken to protect the citizens of Grayling from gouging and overpriced, sky high food bills.

We, not the weekend travelers, have to live and survive here. It's about time we stood up and said no more gouging in Grayling. Maybe, just maybe, something can be accomplished in this already nationwide economic recession we are currently in. We just can't afford being ripped off any longer.

So please, if you're tired of these atrocities, make those calls, send those e-mails and attend those city meetings. Let our little voices be heard that we cannot and will not take this anymore.

So, I say, here's to us, and let this be the start of a stronger Grayling for the residents who keep this town afloat.

Leanne Whitley
Grayling

I made the mistake of filling up my car in Grayling

To the editor:

I couldn't agree more with the people that wrote letters in last week's paper about the cost of gas in Grayling. You would think for a small town with a lot of great people living in it and trying to make a living in it, they would not want to rip each other off.

I had to make a trip down-

state last week and made the mistake of filling my car up in Grayling. I paid \$3.19 a gallon only to get down the road 43 miles south and see gas at \$2.77 a gallon and watch it drop even further as we drove south.

I was born and raised in Grayling and have decided to try and raise my family here,

but that is turning out to be a much more difficult decision when, each time my wife and I go to the gas station or to the grocery store, we feel like we are being raped and pillaged by the owners of those businesses.

Jonathon Thomas
Grayling

Foxes are curious creatures, but not destructive

To the editor:

This letter is in regards to the article about foxes in Sherwood Forest. I have lived in Sherwood Forest for over 20 years and I'd like to bring up a few facts.

First of all, the key word is "forest". Our subdivision is surrounded by woods and where there are woods there is wildlife. We have had deer, raccoons, opossums, skunks, foxes and the usual stray cats come into our yard for many years. I have never heard of harm being done by these creatures, except for bird feeders being knocked down.

The foxes, who are the issue here, seem to be out and about during the day and I find them quite amusing. I have seen them drinking from bird baths, rolling around in the road scratching their backs and one deciding to sun itself one day in the corner of our yard. They are wary of humans and certainly not out to attack.

It's not the foxes who

knocked a few people off their bikes this summer and caused bodily harm. We don't have a neighborhood watch because of foxes breaking into cars and doing damage. The foxes are not the ones exceeding the speed limit and you won't find them smashing pumpkins on Halloween.

I have a problem with the dogs that are not contained, not the foxes. I do think that logging plays a big part in why we are seeing more wildlife near our homes. They move away from the disturbances in order to feel safe.

Foxes are curious creatures, but not destructive. They are more interested in cat food put out for the strays and not the cats themselves.

There is no reason to get all uptight because we have foxes nearby. What did one expect living in northern Michigan? We should be glad we can still observe wildlife.

Carol Wakeley
Grayling

Fire department is better run by a joint committee

To the editor:

The controversy over the Grayling City/Township fire department has gone on too long. I've been aware of the fire department, and how it is run, for over 50 years. During that time, we have had a good responsible department run by a joint committee of the two governmental units.

Both the city and the township are too small to have separate departments. If we did, both would most likely respond to assist each other in which ever jurisdic-

tion the fire might be in. To operate effectively and successfully, we would be better off to continue to operate jointly, and not be operated by the city or the county, especially if it were run by a governmental unit or units.

The department is better off when run by a joint committee or board independent of the city manager or township supervisor, as it has been for a considerable time.

Art Thayer
Grayling

Briefs

Shelter to hold annual meeting

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter will hold its Annual Meeting of the Membership on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 4 p.m. at the shelter located at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, 5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling. Election of one new board member will be held. For more information, call Sec./Treas. Cheryl Ruley evenings only at 348-1429.

GHS teams to host spaghetti dinner

The Grayling High School boys basketball team and the GHS ski team will host a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser on Monday, Nov. 10, from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School. Tickets are \$20 per family or \$6 per individual. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any Grayling basketball player or ski team member.

Remembrance program to be held

Mercy Home Care and Hospice will host a Holiday Remembrance Program focused on helping families get through the holiday season on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Crawford County Commission on Aging, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Mary Beth Brady, Grief and Bereavement Coordinator, and Terrie Lockwood, Funeral Director at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, will share ideas for coping during the holiday season. RSVP to Mary Beth Brady at 344-4410 or Terrie Lockwood at 348-2951.

Legion to hold Veteran's Day Dinner

A Veteran's Day Dinner and Dance will be held at the American Legion Post 106 Hall, 106 James St., Grayling, on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., with dancing until midnight. Music will be provided by "The Wise Guys." All veterans and their guests are invited to this free event.

GPA presents PRime vocal jazz

The PRime vocal jazz will perform as part of the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series with a special performance at the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 8. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for an individual and \$10 for students and seniors. Family ticket packages are available. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Riverland, uptown Grayling, or at the door. For more information, call Riverland at 989-344-0047.

VFW Post #3736 to hold ceremony

The VFW Post #3736 and the ladies auxiliary will hold a Veteran's Day ceremony on Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., at the American Legion Hall. The guest speaker will be Air Force Ret. Col. John Pamerleau. The honored guest will be Gerald Kellogg, a WWII veteran of the Navy. There will be a soup luncheon following. The public is welcome to attend.

Actors needed for Christmas show

Actors are needed for the Christmas Show, "A Place Called Wellington" which will be presented at Wellington Farm USA on Dec. 12, 13 and 14. Eleven adults, six men, five women, eight high school kids and five early elementary kids are needed. Rehearsals will begin on Nov. 18 and will be held twice a week until show time. Anyone interested in becoming a member should call 989-529-7331 for audition information.

Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will be holding their regular meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the American Legion Hall, at noon.

TEFAP food distribution to be held

TEFAP food will be distributed on Nov. 10, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., at St. Francis Episcopal Church. No early pick ups please.

GHS Choir to hold Madrigal Dinner

The Grayling High School Choir's Madrigal Dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. The Royal Feast will consist of wassail, mixed salad, prime rib, baby potatoes, vegetable medley, Yorkshire pudding and assorted cheesecakes. Tickets may be purchased at Riverland Gear in Grayling beginning Nov. 7.

Festival of trees to begin on Nov. 15

The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) aims to fill the community with holiday spirit with the 2008 Festival of Trees.

The third annual festival will run from Nov. 15 through Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Grayling Mini Mall.

The GPA will be raffling Christmas trees decorated by local businesses and independent contestants. The drawing for trees and other donated prizes will take place at noon on Nov. 23. Contestants do not have to be present to win.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10. They will be available throughout the festival. Individuals will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite trees using

their raffle tickets. Each tree will have a corresponding drop box. To vote for a tree, place a raffle ticket in the box.

A trophy will be presented for the best looking tree. Last year, 28 decorated trees were on display.

The event offers other featured attractions in addition to the trees. "Santa's mailbox" will also be in the mall waiting for letters. "Elves" will be at the Grayling Mini Mall on Nov. 23 to pick up letters and deliver them to the North Pole. A trolley will be making trips to the mall throughout the evening.

There is no fee to attend the festival. All proceeds benefit the GPA, an organization that contributes to many community projects.

Snowshoe building workshop at Hartwick Pines

Winter is fast approaching and it is time once again to think about winter recreations such as snowshoeing. Hartwick Pines State Park, near Grayling, will be again hosting a snowshoe building workshop.

The first of the two day workshops will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The second of the two day workshops will be held on Feb. 28 and March 1, also from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Both workshops will be held at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines.

This is your chance to build your own pair of wood framed snowshoes. Snowshoe styles available will be the Huron Snowshoe (46 inches long by 12 inches wide, has a tail on it) and the Green Mountain Bearpaw (36 inches long by 10 inches wide, with no tail).

While building your shoes,

you will learn about the history of snowshoes, their use and why they are a popular pastime in Michigan. Also provided are detailed instructions on how to finish your shoes if they are not completed at the class.

The workshops are very informal, wear comfortable clothes and bring along a sack lunch. The park will provide a variety of hot beverages.

Because of limited space, reservations are required for all classes. Reservation deadline for the December workshop is Dec. 3. Call the Michigan Forest Visitor Center as soon as possible. Total cost is \$160.00. A \$25 deposit is required to secure your spot and the remaining is due at the workshop. For additional information and to have a registration packet sent to you, call 989-348-2537 or e-mail burger@michigan.gov.



Snowshoe building workshop

Make reservations for farm lantern tour

Wellington Farm, USA is now accepting reservations for what has been billed as "The most unique Christmas experience in northern Michigan."

"The Farm By Lantern Light" is a full evening of activity which includes a sleigh ride, a visit to the historic farm and a full length play all rolled into one. Seating is very limited, so reservations are an absolute must. "The Farm By Lantern Light" will take place on Dec. 12, 13 and 14. The first performance begins at 6:40 p.m. with additional performances beginning every 20 minutes thereafter.

Twelve people are admitted to each performance. The entire performance lasts about two hours.

During the course of the evening, participants will board a horse drawn sleigh and be transported back in time to the year of 1932. Following the sleigh ride, visitors will stroll through the farm trails, all beautifully lit by kerosene lanterns. During the course of their walk, visitors will visit each building at the farm complex and in each building another scene of the play, "A Place Called Wellington," will be presented. The play is based upon an event which took place in Wellington many years ago.

This family event has been woven into one of the most heart-warming Christmas stories presented anywhere in Michigan. Reservations can be made by calling 888-653-3276 or visiting the park Web site at www.wellington-farmpark.org.

Wellington Farm, USA is a 60-acre living history museum depicting life as it was lived in a rural, mid-western farming community during the Great Depression.

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The Bible Speaks

God's Deliverance for Creation

Romans 8:20 reminded us that God made creation subject to the effects of human sin and the fall, but with that subjection He promised future hope or restoration also. We see this thought expanded in Romans 8:21,22: "21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

First we are reminded of the past bondage of fraud or corruption our sin brought upon creation, "Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption..." This is why in Romans 8:19, the creature earnestly expects and waits for "the manifestation of the sons of God." All creation waits in hope for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ to earth to resurrect His saints and ultimately restore all things.

Second, we read the glorious future liberty into which all creation shall be delivered: "...into the glorious liberty of the children of God." All earthly creation shall share some day at the return of Jesus Christ in the glorious lib-

erty of the children of God. As we are told in 2 Corinthians 4:17: "17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." All creation will be delivered from the predatory danger and fear of the survival of the fittest. Under the reign of Jesus Christ as King there will be perfect peace and prosperity under a perfect environment.

Third, along with creation's past bondage and future liberty, we are reminded of their present burden of pain in Romans 8:22, "22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." The picture of travail is a picture of a woman in childbirth like John 16:21: "21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world." Only a Christian can truly understand the pain of creation awaiting the return of Jesus Christ to restore all things.

Jesus Christ reminded us of how things would get worse before His return to earth. He said in Luke 17:26-30: "26 And as it was in the day of Noe, so shall

it be also in the days of the Son of man. 7 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Just as God warned us against the wickedness and violence of Noah's day and the sodomy of Lot's day, he also reminded us to be faithful in Luke 17:32: "32 Remember Lot's wife." He reminded us in Luke 21:28: "28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." No matter how bad things get we have ever more reasons to be optimistic. The best is yet to come for Christians and all innocent creatures. Pastor "B"

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Honors

Hope College

Orland Dami, a Hope College junior from Grayling, was elected by fellow students living in Lichty Hall and Van Vleck Hall to represent them in the Hope College Student Congress.

Student Congress is the main body of student government on Hope's campus. It includes officers and class representatives elected campus-wide, as well as members elected to represent residence hall units and off-campus students. Following their election to the congress, members are appointed to the various boards and committees.

Dami is the son of Orland and Sandra Dami of Grayling. He is a 2006 graduate of Grayling High School.

Card of Thanks

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to my staff, patients and the community of Grayling for making my transition from Traverse City to Grayling a pleasant experience. Now that my patients in Traverse City are comfortable in good hands, I can freely practice full time here in Grayling.

Too often we become preoccupied with daily living and take for granted the true blessings we have - our loyal patients. My team members and I will continue to do our best to build our patient's confidence. Thank you for your continued support in sending family, friends and neighbors. We promise to treat them with the same care and compassion we have shown each of you.

Mark W. Davey, D.D.S

Fagan, Beckett engaged



Monique Fagan and Travis Beckett

Alan and Julie Fagan announce the engagement of their daughter, Monique Marie Fagan, to Travis Evan Beckett, son of Raymond and Lenora Beckett.

Monique is the granddaughter of Jerry and Beverly Fagan of Sandusky

and Barbara Durga and the later Edward Durga of Grayling. She is the great-granddaughter of Joseph Durga of Eckerman.

Travis is the grandson of Walter and Frances Woodham of Grayville, Ill.

A May 16, 2009, wedding is planned in Grayling.

Hometown News



Pictured here are (from L to R) Karah, David (holding Liam) and Sharon holding Abygail.

Petty Officer (FC2) David C. Bulley (Navy) announces the birth of Liam Patric, born on Sept. 30 at 11:30 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 3.2 ozs. and measuring 20 inches in length.

Bulley has been at Sea Tac. Ram Training with the Army for three months at Ft. Bliss and Ft. Hood in Texas. He spent four years as a sea whiz expert gunnery petty officer. He made second class FC2 in less than four years.

Bulley is the son of Claire Lovegrove and Richard D. L-Bulley.

Church Directory

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974
www.mum-umc.org - Barrier Free
Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) 10 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909
Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Web Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

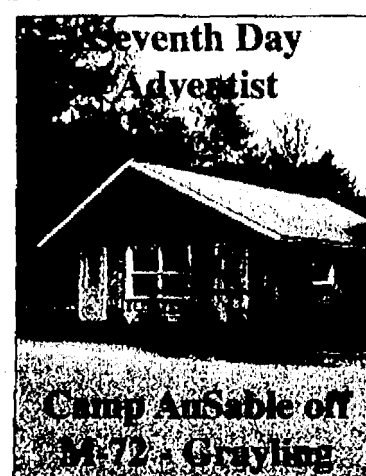
Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: John Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage (989) 348-7466
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) 7 pm

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7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 am

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Sunday Worship 11 am

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710 Spruce Street
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Sunday School 9:15 am
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First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor: Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Church of Today North
Minister: Terry Dickinson
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study available at tmd@freeway.net

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor: James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth Service 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
(van transportation available)

Community of Christ
Pastor: Ann Doty
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.
Parish Office - 707 Spruce
(989) 348-7657
Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend: Elizabeth Chace
M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850
Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738
Phone: (989) 348-1000
Sunday Service 10:30 am
Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm
E-mail: reslife@reslife.org

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)
(989) 348-5921
Saturday Evening Worship Service 7 pm
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 8 7:30 am
Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service
Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor: Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor: John Scott
705 Madsen St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
Pastor: David Rosenberg
Associate Pastor: Scott Hoffer
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday Church Service 10 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday School 9 am
Bible Study (Wed.) 7 pm
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm

Church of the Living God
Pastor: David Barker
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(231) 258-3448
Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour & Prayer (Wednesday) 7 pm

St. Martin Ev. Lutheran (WELS)
Pastor: Douglas Carter
The Roscommon Community Center, 510
South St., Roscommon, MI
For information call (989) 821-6013
New phone number (989) 275-3070
Sunday 9 am

Friendship Church
A Christian Reformed Ministry
Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School 9 am
Morning Worship 10 am
Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon

Grayling Valley Tabernacle Church of God
Pastor: Gary Thompson
(989) 422-3464
Meetings held at Ramada Inn
Sunday Night Potluck 5 pm
Sunday Service 6 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President: David Stephenson
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood Noon
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Obituaries

Ruth A. Joyce

Ruth Alice Joyce, 74, of Grayling, passed away on Monday, October 27, 2008. She was born in Indianapolis, Ind., on February 24, 1934, to the late Harold and Erna (Langerhans) Bretz.

She was married to Ronald L. Joyce for 53 years.

She had a strong faith and was a very involved member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir.

She was also a previous member of the Eastern Stars. She also enjoyed bowling.

She is survived by her husband, Ron; daughters, Dawn (Ed) Leichtnam of Midland, Gayle (Kevin) Asmus of Clarkston; grandchildren: Kaitlin and Elise Leichtnam, Jacob Asmus, Maryn Leichtnam and Victoria Asmus; brothers, Harold, Robert and David Bretz, all of Indianapolis, Ind.

A celebration of her life was held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling on November 1, with Dr. William Cargo officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Music Department at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Laurence L. Stairs

Laurence Lester Stairs, 70, of Grayling, passed away on Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

He was born in New Brunswick, Canada, on June 8, 1938, to the late Abijah and Christina Stairs.

He married the former Helen Burden in June of 1958.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Ortonville.

He moved to the Grayling area about six years ago.

He is survived by his mother, Christina Stairs of New Brunswick, Canada; wife, Helen of 50 years; sons, Charles (Jennifer) Stairs of Empire, Andrew (Anna) Stairs of Fenton; daughter, Laurie (Kristopher) May of Ortonville; grandchildren: Seneca and Sonja Stairs, Tyler and Calley May; and brother, Keith Stairs of Toronto, Canada.

In keeping with respect with his wishes, he has been cremated and no services are planned.

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Memorial contributions may be sent to Mercy Hospice, 324 Meadows Dr., Grayling, MI 49738.

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Dorothy A. Mott

Dorothy Anne Mott, 88, formerly of Grayling, passed away on November 2, 2008, of natural causes.

She was born February 11, 1920, in Detroit. She was the second oldest of five daughters born to Charles and May Chivas.

She graduated in 1938 from Cass Tech High School.

She married in 1939 and lived in the Union Lake area until she moved with her family to Grayling in 1972. She retired to Pt. St. Lucie, Fla., in 1990 with her husband of 54 years, Robert Eugene Mott, who preceded her in death in 1994. She was residing in Plam Coast, Fla., at the time of her death.

She was a Protestant, a former volunteer with the American Red Cross and an active member in her community in Florida.

She is survived by her daughters: Seralyn Nieminen (Duane) of Palm Coast, Fla., Pamela Campbell of Largo, Fla., Denise Harrell of Ft. Meade, Fla., Doreen Szymanski (Dennis) of St. Clair Shores; sister, Barbara Esposito of Largo, Fla.; sons: Robert Mott, Jr. of Waterford, Gordon Mott (Linda) of Roscommon, Joseph Mott of Clinton Township, Wayne Mott of Frederic and James Mott of Elk Rapids; 22 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by sons, Donald George Mott and Gary William Mott; son-in-laws, Kenneth Campbell and Audie Harrell; daughter-in-laws, Linda Mott, Judy Mott and Cheryl Mott; granddaughters, Deborah Mott and Krista Nieminen; and three sisters.

A memorial service will be held on November 15 at 1 p.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

James F. Hartwick, Jr.

James Floyd Hartwick, Jr., 66, of Frederic, passed away on Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

He was born on December 5, 1941, in Mt. Clemens, to the late James Floyd and Margaret (Siefert) Hartwick.

He married Carol Cornelius on May 29, 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Frank James Hartwick of Houghton Lake; daughters, Casie Marie Hartwick of Gaylord, Olivia Ann Hartwick of Frederic; and seven grandchildren.

A private family graveside service was held on October 30 at Oakwood Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, November 7, at 5 p.m. at the Frederic Community Center.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Marjorie J. Clements

Marjorie Jean Clements, 84, of Crawfordsville, Ind., passed away on Saturday, November 1, 2008.

She was born in Veedersburg, Ind., on July 3, 1924, to Rex and Estle (Spragg) Stockdale.

She graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1942.

She married Robert Clements on January 19, 1947, in Hillsboro.

She contracted polio in 1951 and lived her life courageously. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She enjoyed her family and many friends.

She was a member of the New Liberty Christian Church of Hillsboro.

She and her husband owned Clements Canoes in Crawfordsville and Camp Margrethe Resort in Grayling.

She is survived by her sons, James "Jim" (Debbie) of Grayling, Frederick "Fred" (Janet) of Crawfordsville; daughter, Cathy Clements (Mike Slattery) of Indianapolis; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, who passed away on February 20, 2003.

A funeral service was held at Hunt and Son Funeral Home on November 6, with Rev. Alan Sparks officiating.

Interment was at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Hospital, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202, or to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Attn: Gift Management Services, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244.

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Arrangements made by Hunt and Son Funeral Home in Crawfordsville, Ind.

Births

Dana M. and David E. Seeley, of Frederic, announce the birth of their daughter, Ema Joy, born at Mercy Hospital on October 25, 2008, at 12:30 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 8 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Carrie E. and Marc A. Zucco, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Jack Garrett, born at Mercy Hospital on October 3, 2008, at 7:44 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 14.4 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Michele and David Westfall, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Elijah, born at Mercy Hospital on October 20, 2008, at 4:44 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 8 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Gary L. Lytle

Gary LaVerne Lytle, 55, of Higgins Lake, passed away on Monday, October 27, 2008.

He was born on July 26, 1953.

A funeral service was held on October 31 at Markey Community Baptist Church in Markey Township.

Arrangements made by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

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The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series 36th season of the Travel and Adventure Series will present, "Mississippi River Rafting Adventure," narrated by Rudi Thureau, on the big screen at the Rialto Theatre, downtown Grayling, on Nov. 13.

Thureau, a German-born adventurer and travel lecturer, his 14 year old son Hans and a Peruvian companion, Carlos Hermosillo, floated down the Mississippi to make this travel film.

They started their 33-day raft trip in Minnesota and finished in New Orleans. But, the trip wasn't finished there. They retraced their steps by automobile to film the sights a riverbound traveler can't see.

The river itself surprised

him said Thureau. Expecting to be traveling an industrial river, he found the upper Mississippi to be an absolute playground full of vacationers in houseboats.

The river didn't become heavily industrialized until south of Baton Rouge, La. Between there and New Orleans, 130 miles, which took three days to raft, they encountered ocean-going ships.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show will begin at 7 p.m. and last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students, and are available in uptown Grayling at Riverland or at the door.

For more information on this performance, or a schedule for the upcoming series, call Riverland at 989-



Grayling Promotional Association's Travel and Adventure Series will travel on a "Mississippi River Rafting Adventure," with live presenter Rudi Thureau at the Rialto Theatre on Thursday, Nov. 13.

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District Health Department #10 Community Calendar

District Health Department No. 10,

Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for October.

Flu clinics: Oct. 24 and 29.

Immunization clinics: Oct. 1 and 15 by appointment. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: Oct. 3, 7, 21 and 28. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant

and breast feeding women, infants and children: Oct. 1, 2, 9, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 27. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: for information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for Oct. 17 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an

appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Appointments are necessary. Clinics are held in Crawford County on Oct. 17 at the Health Department. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Range Firing

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97

(Twin Bridge Rd.), Nov. 13. Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to

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Local woman wins photography contest

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Grayling resident Sue McNally has an eye for nature. She was the overall winner of the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District amateur photo contest, outscoring contestants from throughout northern Michigan.

"I love wildlife. I love nature," said McNally.

The conservation district's amateur photo contest accepts entries all year long before they are judged at the Fall Conservation Expo, which was held on Sept. 13 at the Houghton Lake Historical Playhouse this year.

The final results of the contest were announced last week.

Almost 70 photos were submitted this year. The top entries were picked by a popular vote of the expo's 400 attendees.

Entries were organized into five categories: floral, forestry, landscape, recreation and wildlife.

"They're all conservation related," said Barb Stauffer, administrator of the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District.

McNally captured an intimate photo of a fox cub in the wild. Her photo garnered the most overall votes, earning her the Outstanding Award.

She said that she has dis-



Photo by Sue McNally

Sue McNally captured this fox cub using an Olympus Digital SLR. It was the highest rated entry in the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District's 2008 Amateur Photo Contest.

covered fox cubs living in her area. She said that capturing one of the animals on camera was a challenge.

"They were miles from my house and we had seen them. I think it was my second or third attempt," said McNally.

McNally says she still considers herself to be a "beginner" photographer, with about three years of serious photography experi-

ence. "It is very tricky. I still have tons to learn," said McNally.

For local conservation officials, the yearly contest is about awareness.

"It's just to enjoy and appreciate nature in these counties and, in the long run, to promote it," said Stauffer.

The expo and photo contest may be held in the

Grayling area next year, which could attract even more aspiring photographers from Crawford County.

McNally said she might return to defend her title next year. In the meantime, she is happy to have had a chance to offer others a rare glimpse of wildlife in Crawford County.

"The contest was cool because it promotes tourism in our area," said McNally.

Veteran's Day programs slated

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aviator and Medal of Honor recipient.

A "video" chronicling Kellogg's experiences will be played during the luncheon.

Bill Borchers, post commander for the Carl W. Borchers VFW Post #3736,

encourages everyone to attend the luncheon after the program at the high school.

"We always enjoy that and the program the students have for us and they do a nice job," said Borchers, a cousin of Carl W. Borchers, a pilot killed

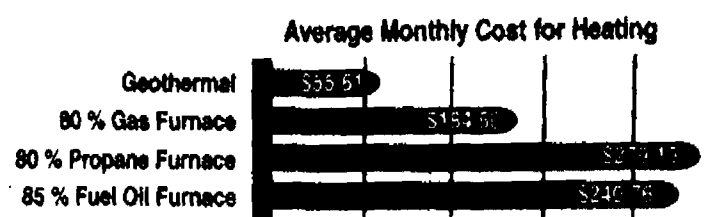
during the Vietnam War.

Finally, the American Legion Post #106 will host a dinner for veterans at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8. A dance, featuring "The Wise Guys," will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight following the dinner.

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as a thank you to our veterans and people currently serving in the military, and we hope that all will come out, get together and have an enjoyable evening," said Bill Johnson, post commander for the American Legion Post #106.

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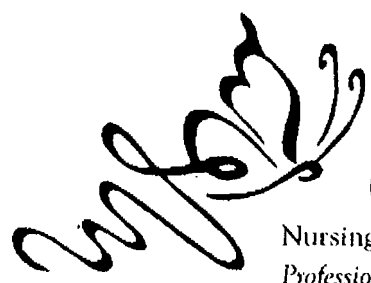
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Saturday, Nov. 8 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for an appointment and bring your own towel.

Monday, Nov. 10 - Lunch - scalloped potatoes with ham, peas, peaches and an apple. Dinner - beef

goulash, corn, cauliflower and mixed fruit. 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Back On Duty, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. TEFAP at St. Francis Church, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. computer class.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, Riviera blend vegetables, O'Brien potatoes and grapes. Dinner - Swiss steak, boiled potatoes, green beans and pears. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 3 p.m. board games, 4 p.m.-5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. Medicare presentation.

Wednesday, Nov. 12 - Lunch - macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts and mandarin oranges. Birthday Dinner - chicken stir-fry with rice, asparagus,

oranges and grapefruit and cake and ice cream. 10 a.m. line dancing at King Nursing Home, 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. rummage sale, 1 p.m. pool league, 1:30 pm. Coping with the Holidays, 5 p.m. Birthday Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Cardio.

Thursday, Nov. 13 - Lunch - chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn and pineapple. Dinner - applejack pork, sweet potatoes, peas and an orange. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 12:30 p.m. Cops and Seniors Initiative Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Medicare presentation, 3:30 p.m. Wii Bowling.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 93 complaints the week of Oct. 27 - Nov. 2:

Thirteen general non-criminal complaints, one assist other jurisdiction, one hazardous spill/leak/power line, three delinquent minors, one valid alarm, four false alarm activations, three larcenies, one larceny-from building, one stolen property/other, nine damage to properties, one damage to property-other, one marijuana-

possession, one obscene material-distribute, one family offense/abuse/ neglect, two minor in possession/consume/purchase attempts, one disorderly conduct, 11 public peace/disorderlies, three health and safeties, one conservation, two littering-public/private property complaints, one miscellaneous criminal offense, two miscellaneous arrests, seven traffic accidents, two inspections/investigations-motor vehicle, nine inspec-

tions/investigations-property, three inspections/investigations-other, three family troubles-domestic, three suspicious situations, one driving on revoked/suspended license and one failure to file public liability and property damage insurance.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

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Library News

Sign up now for the second Camouflage Club program called "Army Training, Sir" at the Devereaux Memorial Library. The two C's meet the three C's with special guest Wendell Hoover on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 3:30 p.m. The Camouflage Club will take a trip back in time to meet the men and boys who served in the Civilian Conservation Corps and learn what it was like to be a part of American history.

Contact Jane at 348-9214, ext. 205, if you have questions or would like to help.

The Friends of the Crawford County Library invite you to join them at the Devereaux Memorial Library for the annual decorating of the mitten tree on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m. This charity event is made possible by your generous donations of hats, scarves, and of course, mittens, which can be turned in to any of our branch

libraries throughout the month of November.

Join the "Cyber Teen Revolution" program to be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Friday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. This is the third program in our continuing education on safe internet use for teens. Sign up to become cyber savvy and stay for Guitar Hero, D.D.R. and games. Call Connie Meyer at 989-348-9214 for more information.

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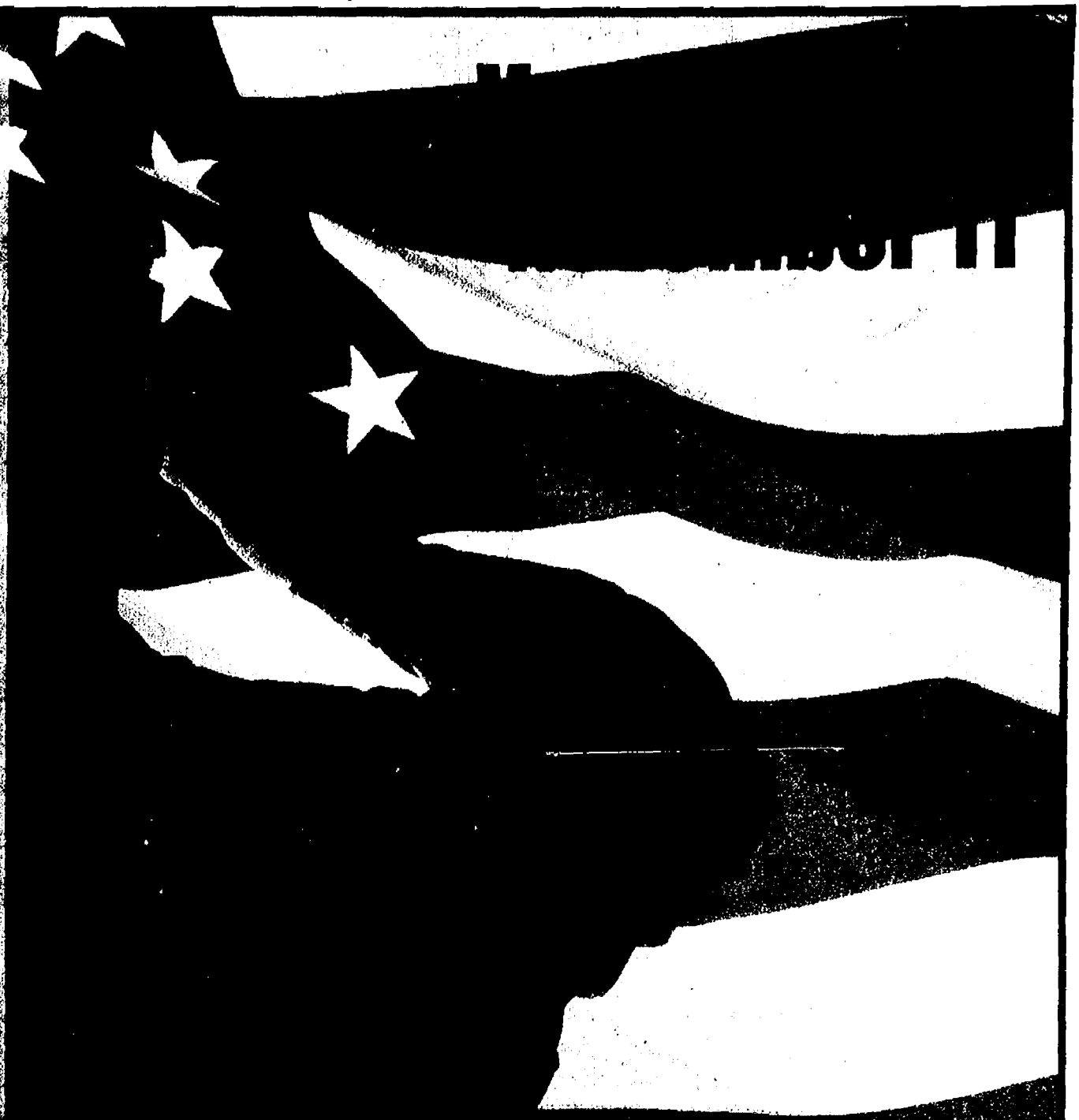
Veterans Day is a time to pay tribute to all of the men and women who have served our country.

Did you know, however, that the day wasn't always celebrated in November? Although President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first Armistice Day, as Veterans Day was known then, on November 11, 1919, in honor of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles at the 11th hour on the 11th day of November in 1918, Congress passed a law in 1968 making the fourth Monday in October Veterans Day.

The law took effect in 1971 and all states celebrated Veterans Day in October, except for Mississippi and South Dakota. Slowly, other states reverted to November 11, and by 1975, less than half marked the fourth Monday in October Veterans Day. Congress took note and passed a law returning Veterans Day to November 11. The law took effect in 1978, and we have celebrated Veterans Day on November 11 ever since.

This Veterans Day, we honor all of the men and women of the armed forces, both past and present, and thank them for all that they have done to protect our country and preserve our freedom.

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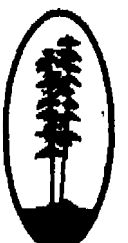
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Northern Michigan aims to lure in Hollywood

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Looking to immerse yourself in the film industry? There's no need to pack your bags for Hollywood just yet. Hollywood might be coming to northern Michigan.

"We'd love to see this neck of the woods become a film friendly community," said Janet Lockwood, director of the Michigan Film Office in Lansing.

Last Wednesday, Lockwood visited the Forest Dunes Golf Club, located between Grayling and Roscommon. She spoke with local business leaders about how northern Michigan can take advantage of the Michigan Motion Film Incentive program.

The incentive was passed into law in 2007 and is currently the most lucrative incentive offered by any state.

"We have the largest incentive. That's what it's all about," said Lockwood.

She said that the potential to save millions of dollars is what will drive filmmakers to Michigan, more than pretty landscapes or picturesque villages.

The concept of offering film incentives was pioneered in Canada, where the city of Toronto has been offering large breaks to pro-

duction companies for years. Last month's box office topper, *Max Payne*, actually used the streets of Toronto as a stand-in for New York's gritty underworld.

The Michigan incentive applies to feature films as well as television productions and commercials. The state is offering qualifying filmmakers a tax credit of up to 42 percent of their total expenditures within Michigan.

This translates to a big cash rebate for qualifying production companies that choose to shoot in Michigan.

In order to qualify, a production company must spend at least \$50,000 in Michigan.

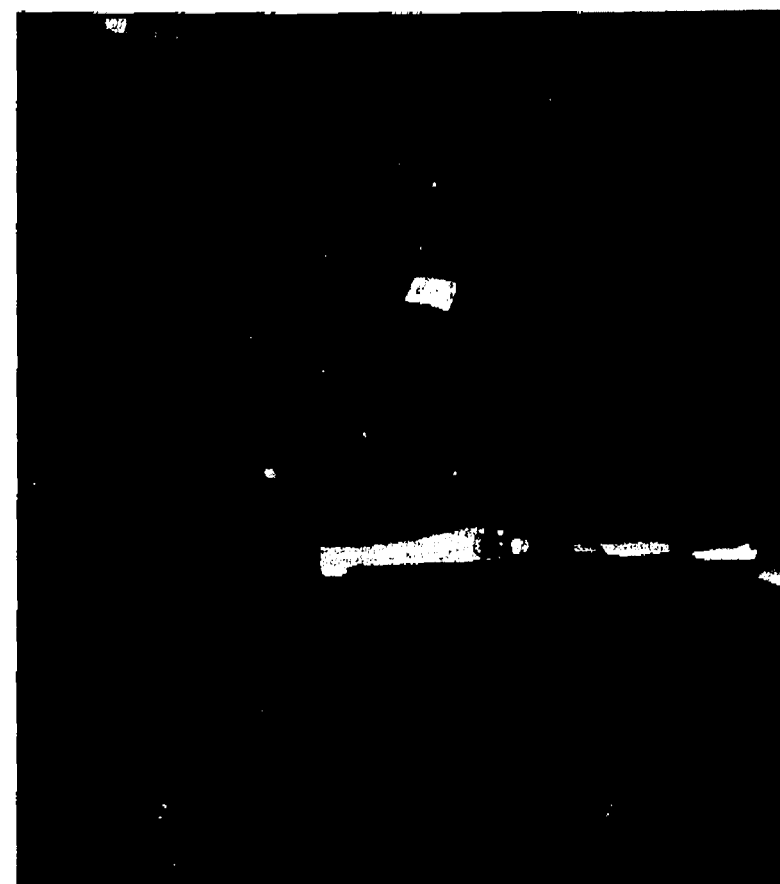
Also, Lockwood said that the Michigan Film Office reserves the right to reject a production that is "truly unsavory."

"What this means is jobs, pure and simple," said Lockwood.

The proof can be seen in other states that have already jumped on the film incentive bandwagon.

"It really made a difference in the state of New Mexico," said Lockwood.

She said that legislators are expecting the film incentive in Michigan to reap the rewards that have already been seen in Toronto and states like New Mexico.



Janet Lockwood, of the Michigan Film Office, spoke at Forest Dunes Golf Club last Wednesday. She said that northern Michigan is poised to take advantage of the millions of dollars that the film industry is bringing into the state.

She added that a production crew for a major motion picture will typically spend over \$100,000 a day in the community where they are shooting.

"This business brings in a ton of money," said Lockwood.

A film production crew requires everything from rental cars and dry cleaners to lumber companies and painters. Virtually everyone stands to profit from a major production.

"They all have to stay somewhere and that adds up to room nights galore," said Lockwood.

In the months since the Michigan film incentive went into effect, Hollywood has already made its presence felt in the Great Lakes State.

"It's revitalized some businesses," said Lockwood, who added that film industry business essentially saved one furniture company in Detroit.

At less than two years into the film incentive program, Michigan has already seen Hollywood pump an impressive sum of money into the state.

"This year, it will easily exceed \$200 million, maybe more than that," said Lockwood.

Crawford County and its neighbors are well positioned to get a piece of the pie. She said that Lansing would like to see northern Michigan making itself attractive to filmmakers.

"I do want to encourage you to form a film office here," said Lockwood.

A local film office serves to help find suitable filming locations and provides connections to local resources. Film offices have already been formed in Detroit and Grand Rapids.

The advantage of forming an area film office is that it gives a production company a single entity through which it can coordinate local activities. A motion picture is not likely to be shot in an area that does not have some kind of local representation.

She added that northern Michigan communities are free to offer their own incentives to make this area even more lucrative.

Lastly, she noted that there is one move that would virtually guarantee Hollywood's presence in northern Michigan.

"If you have a sound stage, then they definitely will come and they definitely will stay," said Lockwood.

A sound stage is a place where filmmakers can build sets and do indoor shooting. The development of an active sound stage is no simple undertaking, as the massive facilities are typically 40,000 square feet in size with 35 foot high ceilings.

John Pevensey, who currently owns three sound stages throughout the world, has already expressed an interest in building a sound stage in this area. According to Lockwood, the state is also offering a credit for building sound stages.

Lockwood emphasized that the film industry in Michigan is sure to explode sometime very soon. There are already insider rumors that a fourth *Pirates of the Caribbean* will be shot on Lake Michigan.

She is convinced that these developments can be nothing but good news for Crawford County and the surrounding areas.

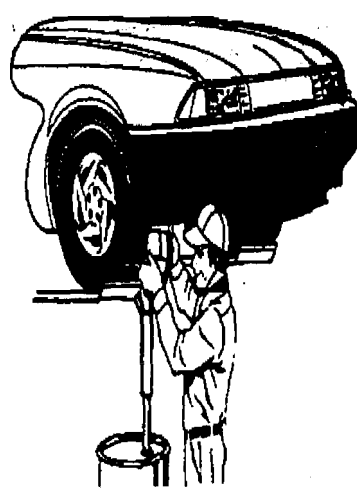
"Films can be a catalyst for social change," said Lockwood.

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Varsity squad wins two of three series at Houghton Lake

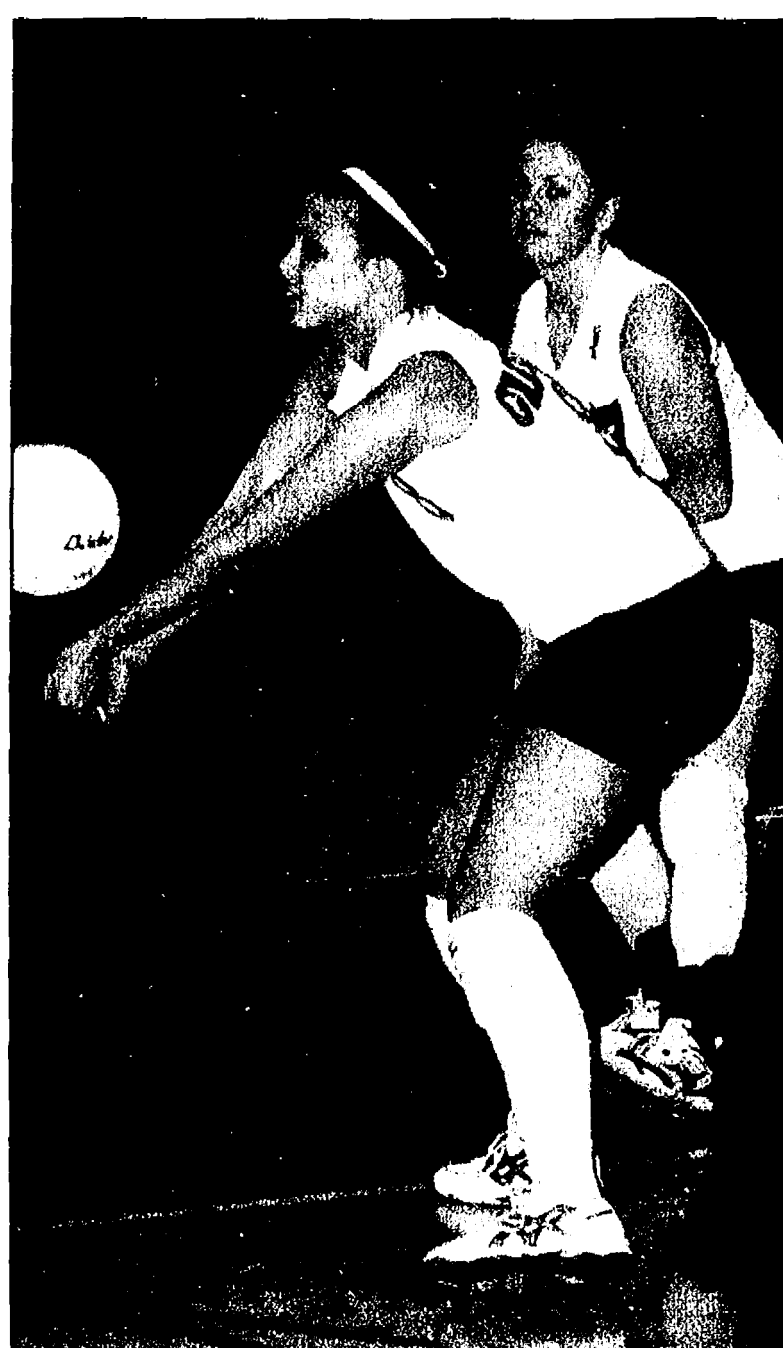
GHS to play in districts at Petoskey on Thursday

In their final four regular season varsity volleyball matches, the Vikings of Grayling High School won two series and lost two series.

On Monday, Oct. 27, the squad defeated Houghton Lake and Gladwin 2-0 in

two best-of-three series played at Houghton Lake High School. Grayling lost 2-0 to the Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights.

"The Gladwin game was the proudest I have been of the girls. They played hard See **Varsity** | 5B



Photos by Caleb Casey

Sierra Williamson, left, Joni Bindschatel, center, and Ashley Feldhauser, right, hit the ball for the Vikings during last Wednesday's varsity meet vs. the Elk Rapids Elks.

JV team wins 2-1 vs. Elk Rapids

Vikings defeat Elks 26-24, 25-8

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity girls volleyball team ended its 2008 season with a 2-1 series victory vs. the Elk Rapids Elks at Grayling High School on Wednesday.

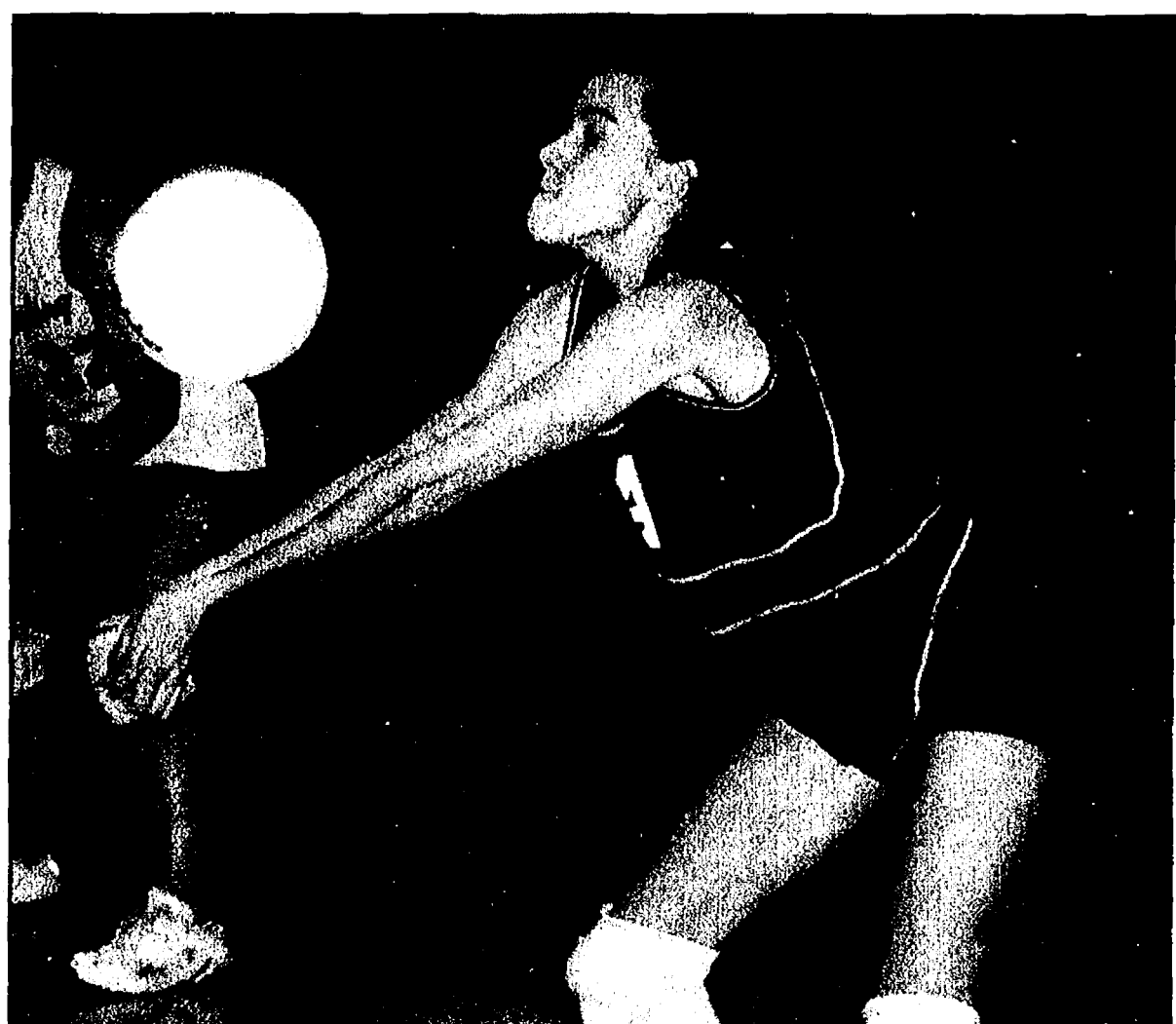
Grayling defeated Elk Rapids 26-24 in the first game of the series. Olivia Peters had three aces for the Vikings.

In game two, Grayling clinched the best-of-three series with a 25-8 win. Rebecca Money had six aces for GHS.

Elk Rapids won game three with a final score of 15-13.

"The girls did a good job," Coach Jenny Swander said. "Our serving was key."

The Vikings finished the year with a 6-12 overall



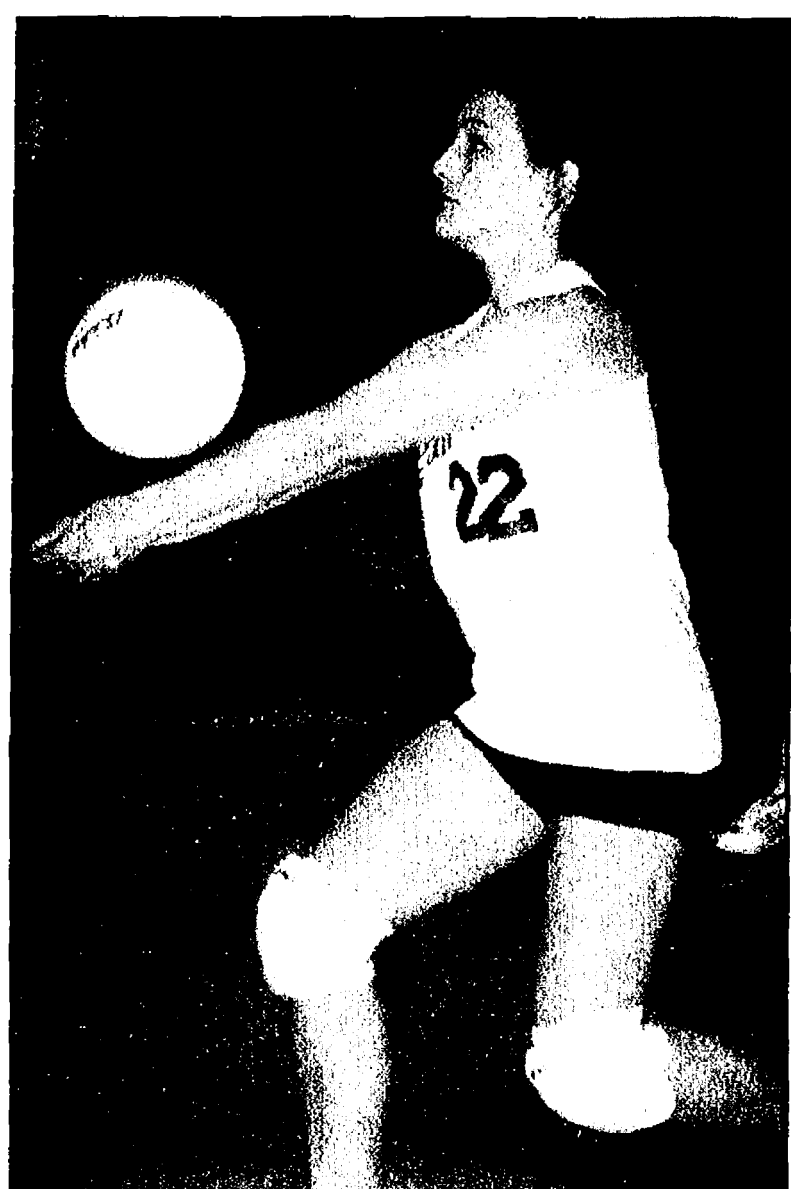
Katie Money hits the ball from the back row during last week's JV meet against Elk Rapids.

record. They won two out of three series during a four-team meet at GHS on

Monday night.

"They improved throughout the season. We ended

with three out of four wins – a good way to end the season," Coach Swander said.



Olivia Peters hits the ball for the Vikings on Wednesday night.

9th graders finish year with win vs. Elks

Grayling defeats Elk Rapids 2-1

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's freshman girls volleyball team defeated the Elk Rapids Elks 2-1 in a best-of-three series played at GHS on Wednesday night. The meet was Grayling's 2008 season finale.

The Vikings defeated Elk Rapids 25-21 in the first game of the series. Grayling won game two by a final score of 25-12. Elk Rapids took game three 15-13.

"It was nice to have a win on the last game of the year, on parents' night," Coach Brooke Laurent said.

On Monday night, the Vikings posted one win and one loss during a three-team meet at Gladwin.

The Vikings lost game one to Gladwin 25-19. Grayling won the next two games (25-20, 15-13) to win the series 2-1.

Grayling lost to West Branch Ogemaw Heights 26-24, 25-10.

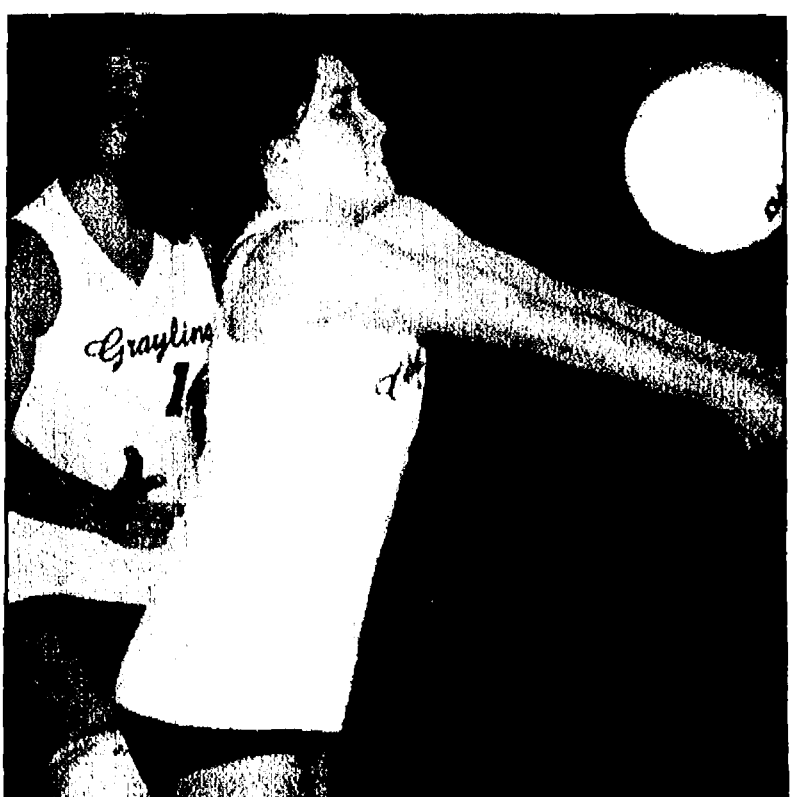
Grayling finished its season with a 7-7 record.

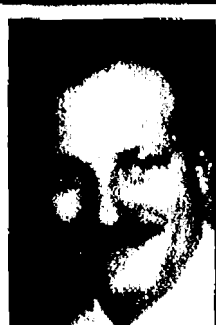
"Overall, the girls went .500, which is good for only having six players," Coach Laurent said. "Looking back on the season, the girls have grown so much."

See **9th Graders** | 3B



Lindsay Johnson, left, and Chloe Harwood, right, hit the ball for Grayling's freshman volleyball team on Wednesday.





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Katie Lange, left, hits a ball near the net during Monday's match vs. the Houghton Lake Bobcats. Jordan Stephan, right, goes low for a dig on Monday night against Houghton Lake.

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JV volleyball squad defeats Bobcats, Falcons

GHS wins two of three during home meet

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's junior varsity girls volleyball team defeated the Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights and the Bobcats of Houghton Lake during a four-team meet held at GHS last Monday.

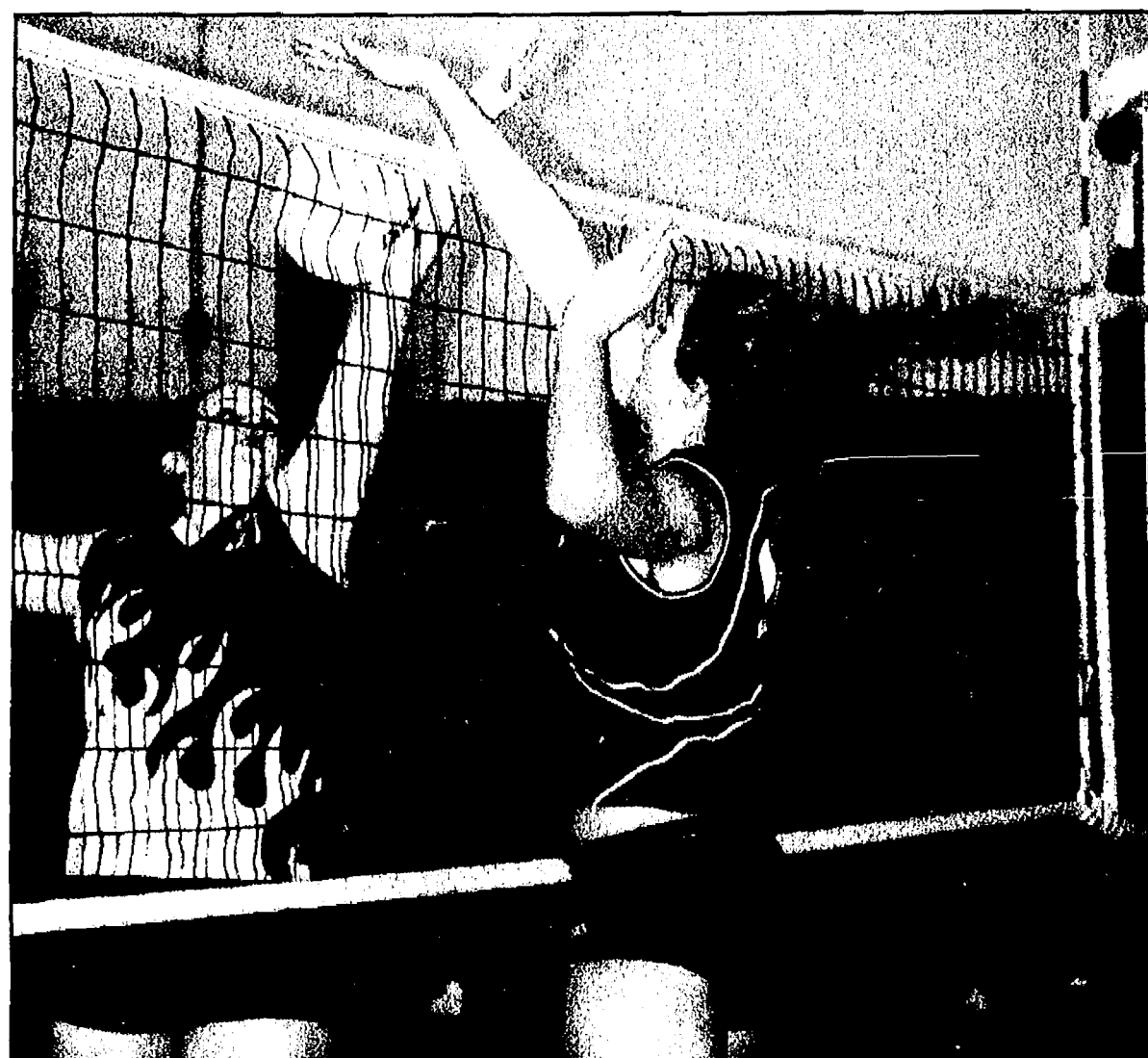
The Vikings began the meet with a series vs. Gladwin. Grayling won the first game of the series 25-15. Gladwin defeated Grayling by two points, 25-23, in game two. Gladwin won game three 15-13 to win the series 2-1.

Grayling posted wins against its next two opponents - Houghton Lake and West Branch Ogemaw Heights.

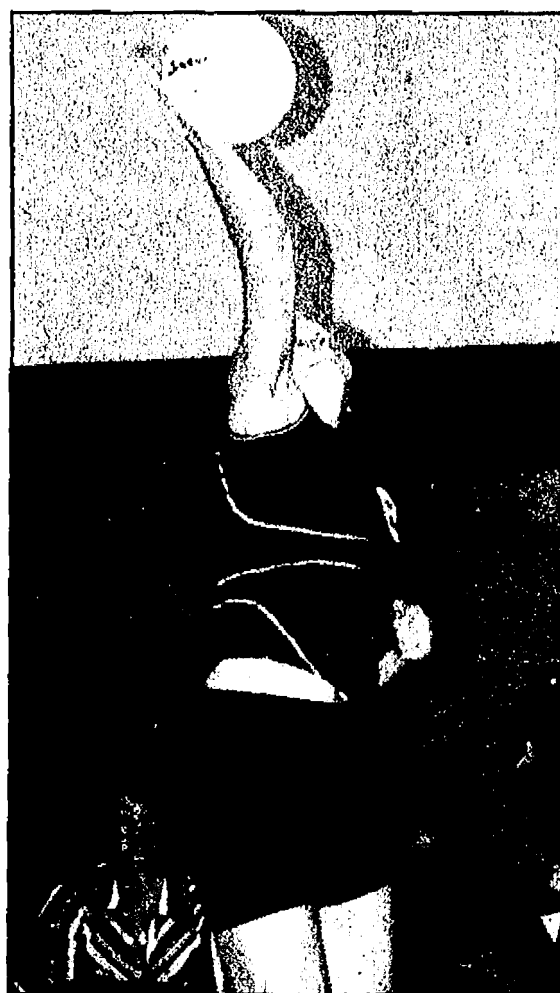
The Vikings defeated the Bobcats 2-0 (25-12, 25-12).

Grayling won 25-20 in the first game vs. WBOH. The Vikings clinched the series with a 28-26 victory in game two.

The JV team finished its 2008 season with a 2-1 victory vs. Elk Rapids on Wednesday. Grayling won the first two games of the series (26-24, 25-8) and lost game three (15-13).



Abbey Thomas spikes the ball during Monday's JV series vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights.



Richelle Grosskopf, left, goes up for a shot vs. WBOH on Monday night. Rebecca Money, right, hits the ball during the Gladwin series.



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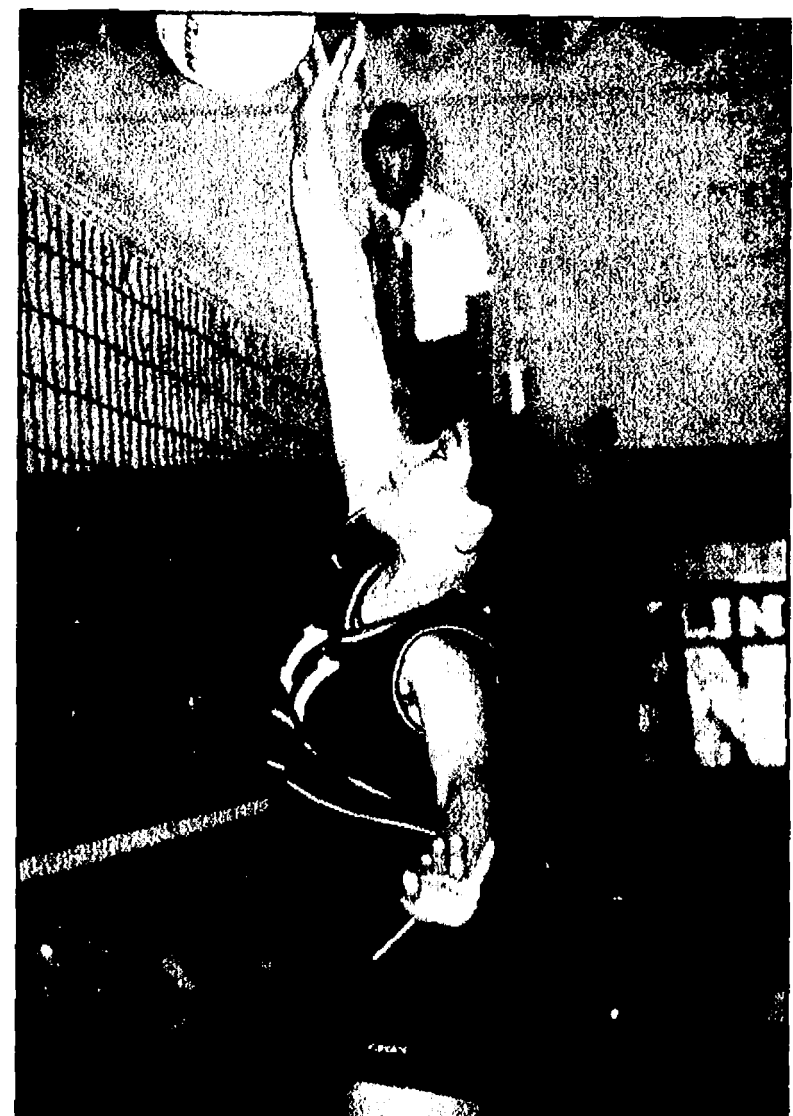
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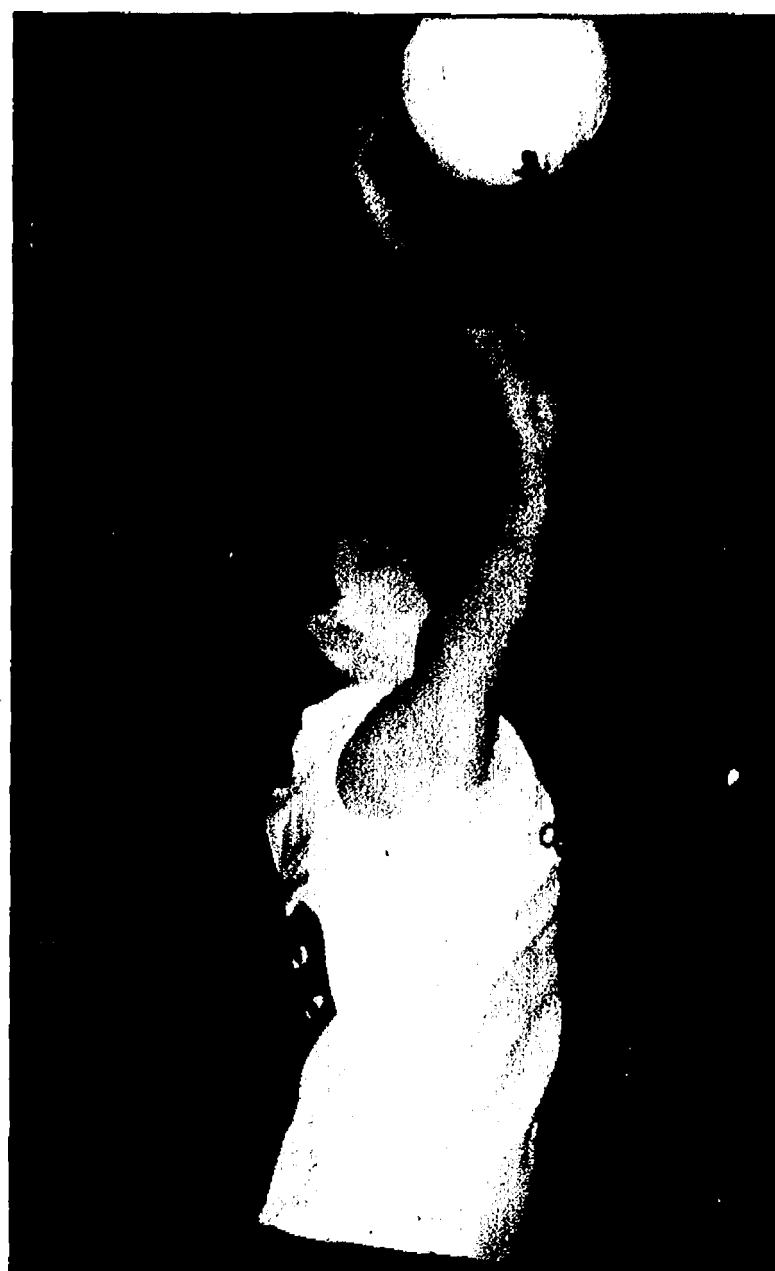
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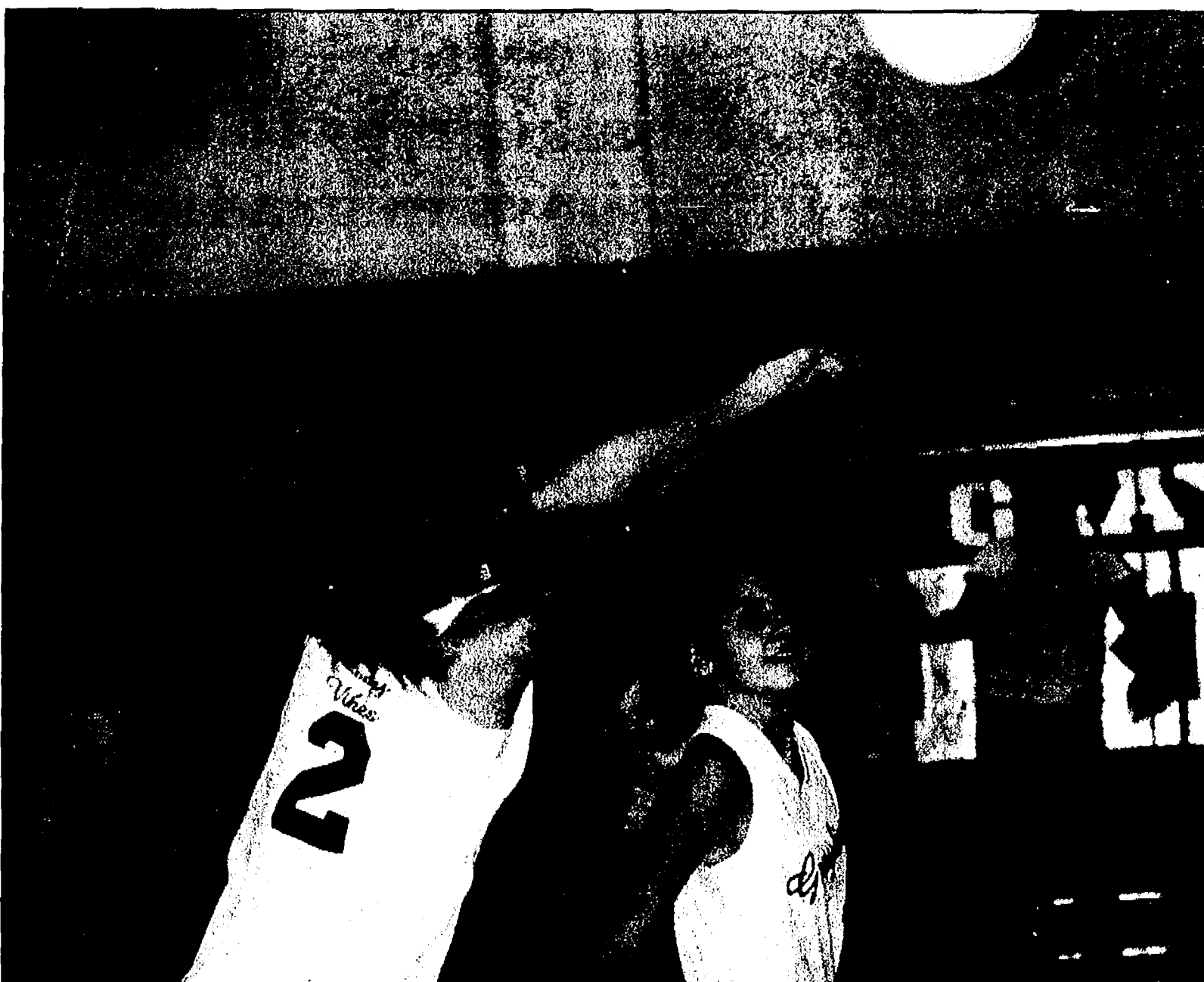


Teresa Schreiber hits the ball from the front row during Monday's series vs. Gladwin.



Kristi Helsel, left, and Ciara Johnson, right, hit the ball for Grayling's freshman volleyball team during a meet on Wednesday night vs. Elk Rapids.

9th graders finish year with win vs. Elks



Elaine DesEnfants bumps the ball over the net during Wednesday night's meet.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Cara Miller handles an Elk Rapids serve on Wednesday.

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The freshman team played almost its entire 2008 season with only six players - a full starting lineup with no substitutes. The squad played 13 of its 14 meets with only six team members -- Lindsay Johnson, Elaine DesEnfants, Kristi Helsel, Chloe Harwood, Ciara Johnson, and Cara Miller.

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Golf team ends year with regionals, awards

Grayling High School's varsity girls golf team recently concluded its 2008 season with an awards banquet, after it was eliminated from further playoff possibilities with a sixth place finish at regionals.

At their recent awards banquet, the Vikings announced two team honors: MVP, Leigha Stevens, and Most Improved, Heather Ruddy.

Grayling's regional tournament, which was held at the Falcon Head Golf Club in Big Rapids on Oct. 9, featured 15 teams and 76 golfers.

Team placements and scores included: 1. Whitehall (407); 2. Lakeview (425); 3. Cheboygan (426); 4. Farwell (429); 5. Big Rapids (431); 6. Grayling (442).

Individual scores and placements for the Vikings included: Stevens, 102, 12th; Andrea Willobee, 109, 19th; Kirstie Wakeley, 115, 30th; Alexis Peck, 116, 34th; Hannah Smith, 117, 36th.

"We didn't end up with the results we were looking for at regionals, but the



Leigha Stevens, MVP

girls fought hard. It was tough adjusting to the wet weather. The scores were up across the board. I felt as though a score of 415 would guarantee a trip (to the state finals) and was a very reachable goal. It just wasn't our day," Coach Keri Brock said.

"I can't say enough about our three seniors - Hannah

Smith, Leigha Stevens, and Andrea Willobee. They were very consistent all season long and very good leaders. They excel in the classroom as well. Hopefully, they understand the impact they have made on the program and the underclassmen they have been mentors to along the way," Coach Brock said.

Basketball camps to be held for boys in grades 1-6

Registration forms are now being accepted for the Little Vikes Boys Basketball Camp, an event that will include two separate camps for boys in grades 1-4 and grades 5-6. The camps begin on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Both camps will be directed by Rich Moffit, head basketball coach at Grayling High School. Each participant will receive a reversible basketball jersey. Participants will also have the opportunity to play during halftime of a GHS junior varsity boys basketball game.

The camp for grades 1-4 will be held on Nov. 22, Dec. 6, 13, and 20, and Jan. 3 and 10 at the Grayling Middle School gym. Camp format includes: 8:30-9:20 a.m. - fundamentals, 9:20-9:55 a.m. - games.

The Little Vikes Boys Basketball Camp for players in grades 5-6 will be held on Nov. 22, Dec. 6, 13, and 20, and Jan. 3 and 10 at the Grayling Middle School gym. Camp format includes: 10-10:40 a.m. - skill work, 10:40-10:50 a.m. - team concepts, 10:50-11:30 a.m. - games.

To sign up for one of the camps, complete a registration form (available at the school offices) and return it (with payment - make checks payable to "Grayling Basketball") to the office at Grayling Elementary School, Grayling Middle School, or AuSable Primary. Cost to participate in one of the camps is \$20 per player.

If you have any questions about the Little Vikes Boys Basketball Camp, please contact Coach Rich Moffit by e-mail at rmoffit@casdk12.net.

Bowling Leagues

Recreation League

Robin Smith CPA... 24 - 12
GMH-NCC... 20 - 16
Glen's Market... 19 - 17
American Legion... 17 - 19
TNT Charter... 17 - 19
Days Inn... 17 - 19
Grayling Nursing... 17 - 19
Woody Girls... 13 - 23
High Series: C. Pfaff, 594;
D. Anderson and D. Mead,
509. High Game: C. Pfaff,
214; S. Rozenek, 205; L.
Hanson, 196.

Senior League

Gaylord Electric... 21 - 15
Dana Transport... 21 - 15
Sylvester's Sports... 19 - 17
Flowers By Josie... 19 - 17
Spike's... 19 - 17
Kicking Grass... 16 - 20
Lone Pine... 16 - 20
Bear's Den Pizza... 13 - 23
High Series Women: C.
Clark, 483; N. Glasslee,
480; M. Rysso, 434. High
Game Women: C. Clark,
178; D. Mead, 168. High
Series Men: B. Hollis, 594;
L. Crampton, 552; P.
Faustman, 534. High Game
Men: B. Hollis, 202; P.
Faustman, 196; B. Holton,
190.

Pioneer League

Grayling Rest... 27 - 5
Ole Dam Store... 21 - 11
Eagles Nest... 18 - 14
5 B's... 16 - 16
T.C. Lawncare... 16 - 16
American Legion... 15 - 17
Tim's Collision... 8 - 24
Ball Busters... 7 - 25
High Series: T. Rock, 561;
D. Argue, 538; T.

Hellebuyck, 517. High
Game: D. Argue, 221; K.
Moshier, 200; T. Rock, 193.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Hard Balls... 39 - 17
Team Shocker... 32 - 24
Salon Rue... 29 - 27
Spikes #2... 28 - 28
Growlers... 26 - 30
GrayRock Cafe... 22 - 34
Spike's #1... 22 - 34
AJD... 22 - 34
High Series Men: T.
Sheldon, 579; R. Sartin,
520; P. Faustman, 470. High
Game Men: T. Sheldon,
226; C. Moshier, 185; D.
Campbell, 183. High Series
Women: C. Sheldon, 486;
L. Mead, 482; N. Glasslee,
472. High Game Women:
N. Glasslee, 197; L. Mead,
191; C. Sheldon, 170.

National First

Continental Rental... 38 - 18
GADCO... 35 - 21
Pittman Bld... 28 - 28
Primary Electric... 23 - 33
Hagerman Const... 22 - 34
High Series: R. Sartin, 647;
C. Brill, 639; P. Benardo,
Sr., 621. High Game: C.
Brill, 258; R. Sartin, 248; P.
Benardo, Sr., 225.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Casino Bums... 17 - 11
Snow Tops... 16 - 12
Misfits... 16 - 12
Bill's Harem... 15 - 13
Pin Slayers... 14 - 14
Three Amigos... 13 - 15
Rosebuds... 13 - 15
Ladybugs... 8 - 20
High Series Women: N.

Glasslee, 441; K. Moshier,
436; I. Cosgray, 431. High
Game Women: B. Wotring,
160; P. Kennedy and A.
Stanley, 157. High Series
Men: B. Hollis, 540; P.
Faustman, 493; R. Hays,
447. High Game Men: B.
Hollis, 202; P. Faustman,
199; B. Holton, 189.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Double Trouble... 44.5 - 18.5
Canadian Steak... 35 - 28
Fred's of Rosco... 34 - 29
McDonald's... 33 - 30
Miller Spillers... 30 - 33
Last Call... 27 - 36
Legion... 24.5 - 38.5
L & L Hauling... 24 - 39
High Series Women: T.
Hellebuyck, 517; P.
Younglove, 508; S.
Johnson, 487. High Game
Women: T. Hellebuyck,
199; P. Younglove, 186; D.
Periard, 180. High Series
Men: P. Benardo, 557; J.
Lehman and S. Pittman,
553. High Game Men: S.
Pittman, 235; P. Lewis, 231;
J. Lehman, 212.

American Men's League

Dragon Repair... 12 - 2
McLean's Ace... 9 - 5
Moore's Auto... 9 - 5
Sky Ripper... 7 - 7
GADCO... 5 - 9
Fenton's Auto... 5 - 9
McNamara Ford... 4 - 10
High Series: J. Thayer, 612;
P. Benardo, 571; K. Vaughn,
558. High Game: J. Thayer,
232; K. Vaughn, 213; J.
Robideau, 203.

Pool League

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn... 59
Ramada II... 43

Gray Rock... 40
Ramada I... 22
5 Ball Run: Heather

(Ramada II) and Sis
(Frederic Inn).



Photos by Caleb Casey

Grace Calkins, left, goes up for a block attempt during last week's series vs. Elk Rapids. Savannah Foguth, right, serves for Grayling on Wednesday night.

Varsity squad wins two of three series at Houghton Lake

Continued from 1B
the first game and were down 19-11 in the second game, and came from behind to beat them 26-24," Coach Jessica Szymoniak said.

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, the Vikings ended their 2008 regular season with a home meet vs. the Elk Rapids Elks.

"Wednesday was parents' night and we had a wonderful turnout. It is not possible to run a program without the help of the parents, helping carpool, (organizing) meals and fund-raisers, and showing their girls how much they are cared for," Coach Szymoniak said.

Elk Rapids won game one 25-19. Grayling tied the series at 1-1 with a 25-18 victory in game two. The Elks won the next two games (25-18, 25-12) to win the series 3-1.

Joni Bindschatel had five aces and 23 digs for the Vikings. Sierra Williamson

had six kills. Savannah Foguth had 11 assists and Josie Swander added eight assists.

"We had several kill attempts, but could not find the floor during the third and fourth games," Coach Szymoniak said.

"It was very hard to swallow all the losses this season; however, the girls have made huge improvements, and with only losing one senior, we will be in great shape. This season we played five state ranked teams, including two out of our conference. We hung with most of the teams in our conference and we look to do much better next year. Now we are preparing for districts," Coach Szymoniak said.

The Vikings will play in the District 63-B tournament this week. Grayling drew a bye in the first round and will play against the Petoskey Northmen at Petoskey on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m.



Suzanne Hause hits the ball near the net during Wednesday's series vs. Elk Rapids.



Cayla Johnson hits the ball for Grayling on Wednesday.

Legal Action

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MORTGAGE SALE

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Dr. Weeks grew up south of Greenville in the small community of Saranac, Michigan. He attended Central Michigan University, where he earned his Bachelors of Science Degree in Biology. He earned his medical degree at Michigan State University-College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1996. After medical school, Dr. Weeks completed his Internship and Residency in Family Practice at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dr. Weeks became board certified in the American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice in 1999. He reentered in 2008. He had been practicing around Greenville, Michigan for several years both as an employed and solo-practice physician prior to joining GFPC two years ago. Dr. Weeks currently resides in Grayling where he enjoys various hobbies as well as spending time with his family.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by COLLEEN S. WELLS, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 25, 2006, and recorded on September 11, 2006, in Liber 683, on Page 43, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Thirty-Five Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$78,035.79), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 3, 2008

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: 1996 DUTCH, SERIAL NO. 13266, 27 X 48, "WHICH, BY INTENTION OF THE PARTIES, SHALL CONSTITUTE A PART OF THE REALTY AND SHALL PASS WITH IT AND IT IS AN IMPROVEMENT TO THE LAND AND AN IMMOVABLE FIXTURE AND THAT IT WILL BE TREATED AS REAL ESTATE".

LOTS 19 AND 20, MAY AUSTABLE ESTATES, TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 03 OF PLATS, PAGE 19, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 22, 2008
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns,

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Daniel M Logan and Joannie M Logan, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Rescue Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 3, 2005 and recorded March 10, 2005 in Liber 674 Page 151 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: HSBC Mortgage Services Inc, by assignment dated August 22, 2008 and recorded August 28, 2008 in Liber 692, Page 842, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$152,423.32) including interest 8.1% per annum. Under the

power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on November 26, 2008 Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 8; Part of the Southeast one quarter of the Northeast one quarter of section 19, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as beginning at a point located distant north 88 degrees 36 minutes west, along the east and west one quarter line of said section 19 a distance of 1308.07 feet and north 00 degrees 27 minutes 43 seconds east, 330.00 feet from the east one quarter corner of said section 19, thence continuing north 00 degrees 27 minutes 43 seconds east, 250.00 feet thence south 88 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds east, 566.02 feet, thence south 08 degrees 07 minutes west, 90.88 feet, thence south 16 degrees 53 minutes west 164.48 feet, thence north 88 degrees 36 minutes west, 507.39 feet to the point of beginning. Along with and subject to a 66 foot easement for ingress and egress and public utilities. Centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point on the east line of said section 19 located north 00 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds east, 407.05 feet from the east one quarter corner of said section 19, thence north 51 degrees 00 minutes west, 186.75 feet thence north 83 degrees 37 minutes west, 125.0 feet, thence north 72 degrees 22 minutes west, 136.66 feet, thence south 53 degrees 49 minutes west, 97.0 feet, thence north 87 degrees 28 minutes west, 256.68 feet, thence north 08 degrees 07 minutes east, 181.20 feet, thence north 33 degrees 59 minutes east, 377.93 feet, thence north 53 degrees 59 minutes east, 389.43 feet, thence south 52 degrees 45 minutes east, 257.24 feet to the point of ending on the east line of said section 19. Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Commonly known as 5144 Aaron Rd, Frederic MI 49733 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(e), whichever is later. Dated: OCTOBER 17, 2008 HSBC Mortgage Services Inc, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-99976 ASAP# 2905427 10/23/2008, 10/30/2008, 11/06/2008, 11/13/2008

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Chumack, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2005, and recorded on December 9, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 909, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two

Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine And 54/100 Dollars (\$82,849.54), including interest at 9.77% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, and the Northwesterly 20 feet Lot 5, Block 8, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 30, 2008
For more information, please call: FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #227703F01

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

LIKENS & BLOMQUIST, P.L.L.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Howard Ervin, married, and Nola Ervin a/k/a Nola A. Ervin, married, Mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 2, 2005, and recorded on September 8, 2005, in Liber 677, Page 348, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on said mortgage there is \$37,595.91 due at the date of this notice. There is no suit proceeding at law or in equity to collect the sums due under the Mortgage described above.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the above-described Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 10AM, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public venue, in order to satisfy the unpaid portion of said Mortgage, together with interest at a rate of 13.49%, all costs of sale permitted by law, and taxes, the property situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

Commencing 66 feet South of the Southwest corner of Lot 7, Block 2, Hadley's Third Addition to the City of Grayling; thence South 80.6 feet; thence North 46 Degrees 18.5 Minutes West, 167.3 feet; thence East approximately 97 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West. Together with an easement for ingress and egress over a strip of land 66.0 feet in width, adjoining the within premises on the North side thereof.

All rights of redemption shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Dated: Thursday, October 23, 2008

Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee
Likens & Blomquist, P.L.L.C.
By: Benjamin S. Lin P-70891
3290 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 315
Troy, MI 48064
Telephone: 248-593-5106 Ext. 5425
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey S Holka aka Jeff Holka, Sr., an Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2006, and recorded on January 29, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 62, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Three And 66/100 Dollars (\$124,603.66), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 598 Indian Glens of the AU Sable No. 6, Township of South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 30, 2008
For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #186646F03

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Crystal Young, a single woman, as her sole and separate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 7, 2006, and recorded on September 19, 2006 in Liber 683 on Page 235, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Nine And 68/100 Dollars (\$79,379.68), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 19, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 16, 2008
For more information, please call: FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Johnathon R. Woolman, a Single Man and Shannon L. Anglebrandt, a Single Woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 4, 2005, and recorded on November 21, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 573, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight And 05/100 Dollars (\$87,888.05), including interest at 6.945% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 10, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 15, Grayling Manor, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, on Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 6, 2008
For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #229470F01

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CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED ORV ORDINANCE

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED NEW ORV ORDINANCE FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD AT CRAWFORD COUNTY BUILDING, 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE. GRAYLING, MICHIGAN ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

THE ORDINANCE REVIEWED IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF OFF ROAD VEHICLES (ORV'S) ON ROADS IN CRAWFORD COUNTY.

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS (8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.).

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
OCTOBER 6, 2008

Grayling Charter Township Planning Commission to hold public hearing

The Grayling Charter Township Planning Commission will meet in public session on Tuesday, November 25th, 2008, at 7 p.m. in the town hall to hear public comment on the following requests:

Case # 08-02
Petitioner:
Address:

Local Address: N/A
Property ID# N/A
Location: N/A
Zoning: Natural River District
Lot size: N/A
Request:

Request for special use permit
Huron Pines RC & D/Brad Jensen
Grayling, MI 49738
Request special use permit to cut trees within the natural vegetation strip, with property owners' permission, to restore woody debris fish habitat structures in the AuSable River in order to enhance fisheries habitat through the construction of three-dimensional structures. The RC&D has obtained all necessary permits from the MDEQ under PA451 of 1994, for stream alteration.

Zoning justification: Ordinance 2003-02, Article XVI, Section 16.17

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing. Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

Terry R. Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

Notice To All Dog Owners

2009 Dog Licenses Are Available November 1st

Fees Are \$15.00 for Male and Female Dogs And \$8.00 For Spayed Or Neutered Dogs

You must have a rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian and proof of spaying or neutering.

If the rabies vaccination expires within 30 days you cannot purchase a license. If the rabies vaccination expires during the year the license is no longer valid.

Dog Licenses may be purchased from:

Beaver Creek Township Hall
Frederic Township Hall
South Branch Township Hall
Crawford County Treasurer's Office
Grayling Hospital for Animals
Roscommon Veterinary Clinic
AuSable Valley Animal Shelter
Crawford County Animal Control Officer

BEGINNING MARCH 1ST LICENSES ARE CONSIDERED DELINQUENT AND WILL COST \$25.00

After March 1st, licenses will only be available from:
Crawford County Treasurer's Office
Grayling Hospital for Animals
Roscommon Veterinary Office
Crawford County Animal Control Officer
AuSable Valley Animal Shelter

License may be purchased by mail from the Crawford County Treasurer's Office only. You must send a certificate of rabies vaccination and proof of neutering or spaying along with a check or money order. Send to:
Crawford County Treasurer's Office
200 W Michigan Ave
Grayling, MI 49738

Gail Foguth
Crawford County Animal Control Officer
(989) 344-3273

Joseph V. Wakeley
Crawford County Treasurer
(989) 344-3231

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

November 7, 1985

In a close city race, councilmen Gordon "Sandy" Thompson and Wm. Dennis Sloan were re-elected to the Grayling City Council for four more years. Grayling Mayor Sandy Thompson received 103 votes and Dennis Sloan received 99. Challenger Larry Akers received 93 votes. There was a total of 164 voters in the city election.

This year's Grayling Middle School 8th grade girls basketball team consists of Dawn Weatherly, Sharina Hunter, Paula Phillips, Ann Petroskey, Heather Pelton, Jill Clark, Jinny Ritter, Aimee Rochette, Peg Kraus, Jenny Walsh, Nicole Trenary, Margarita Perez, Melanie Ojala, LeeAnn Bihop and Megan Dozer. They are coached by Howard Lehti and Mike Shearer.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department was well represented in the 10th annual Kirtland Community College 1985 Attorney General and Lawrence Temple Memorial Shoots. Undersheriff Tom Coors and deputies David Lovely and Dale Boerema took first place team honors, while reserve officer Gary Ginther was on the second place team in the reserve officer category. Boerema took second place and Lovely took third place in individual shooting honors. A double-overtime victory

on the road three weeks ago may have been the turning point for the Grayling girls basketball team. The Vikings added two more victories last week as they have turned their season around. Since their double-overtime win at Petoskey, Grayling has won four out of five games, all against teams they lost to earlier in the season.

Todd Klinger, Kevin Reynolds, Dennis Mansfield, Mindy Meredith, Mitzi Montoya, Tina Meldrum and Jennifer Ojala were the GHS students, along with their government instructor Howard Lehti, who attended Law Day held at Alpena Community College.

46 Years Ago

November 8, 1962

A spectacular fire completely destroyed Bruno's Tavern on the I-75 Business Loop, south of Grayling, during the early morning hours on Tuesday. Bruno Brun, owner of the popular restaurant known for serving Italian style meals, estimated his loss at over \$40,000. This covers the building, the fixtures and the stock. The blaze started in the early morning hours, after the tavern had been closed for the night. The barking of their dog awoke them. Mr. Brun looked out to see what had bothered their dog and noticed smoke and then flames coming from the kitchen area, which had

been newly built as an addition to the original building just a few years ago.

Four Grayling cheerleaders and their escorts traveled to Midland on Saturday, where some 200 highstepers from Michigan schools displayed their skills at Northwood Institute. A girl from Bay City was chosen cheerleading queen by the institute judging team. Miss Julie Carlson of Grayling was named to the queen's court with nine other girls.

The Sandy Thompson family has returned to Grayling and their home at 403 Spruce Street, having sold their restaurant business in Hancock.

Frank DeWitt has sold Pure Oil Service, located at the corner of Cedar and Ottawa Street, to John Galloway of Grayling, who took over the station on Oct. 31. Mr. DeWitt has run the business by himself the past year or so and before that he was in partnership with Bob LaMotte. Mr. DeWitt says he has no immediate plans for himself except to get some hunting and fishing done before he goes to work again.

The junior class will be taking orders for bread. The bread will be furnished and packaged by the Grayling Home Bakery and will cost 35¢ a loaf. The bread will be delivered.

69 Years Ago

November 9, 1939

On November 1, city man-

ager George Granger sent out checks accounting to over \$2,600 in payment on our waterworks bonds. \$2,000 of this was payment on the principal and the balance for interest. The waterworks fund still has a balance of over \$600 in its treasury.

A pole carrying high-tension electric wires was struck, by a speeding auto Sunday morning at the curve south of Grayling, breaking it off of its base. Live wires were strewn all over the highway. Witnesses say that the car rolled completely over and that one of the occupants was thrown out. The identity of the two men is not known at this time. The pole is the property of the Michigan Public Service Company. Sheriff Papendick is looking for the two men in the car and when found they will be charged with leaving the scene of an accident.

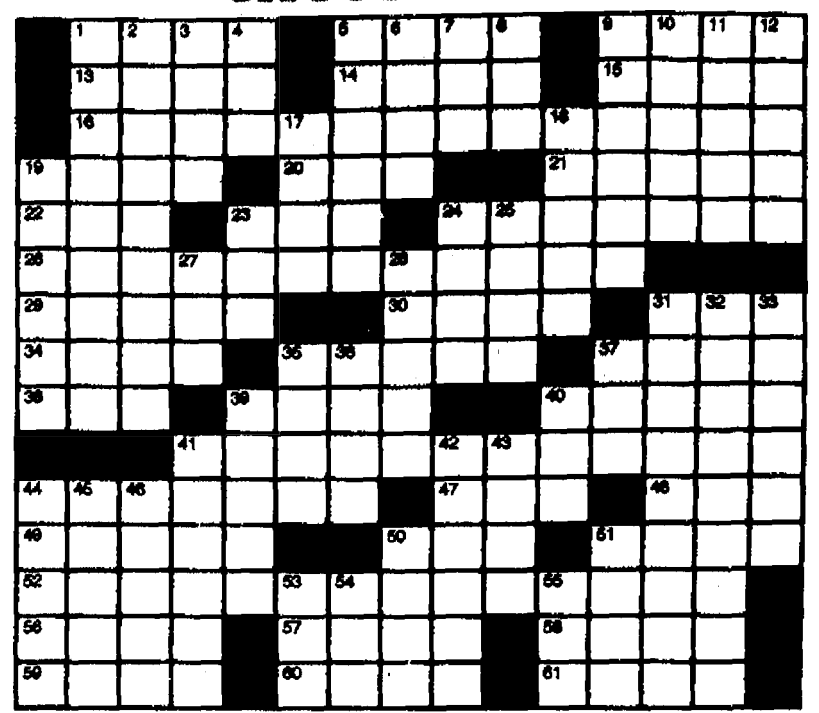
92 Years Ago

November 9, 1916

A story is being added to the large front balcony at Mercy Hospital, largely for convenience and comfort. A new composition slate roof has just been added also.

The largest vote in the history of Grayling Township was last Tuesday with 543 ballots being cast. There were 134 straight Republican and 122 straight Democrat ballots cast.

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Across

1. Bearing
5. Hoof sound
9. Capture
13. Ancient alphabetic character
14. Change
15. Way, way off
16. Minimum velocity needed to escape a gravitational field
19. "e.g.," e.g.
20. "Much About Nothing"
21. Bucolic
22. Adaptable truck, for short
23. Mail place: Abbr.
24. Complacently and unconsciously foolish
26. Pink paste made from fish roe
29. Kind of trip
30. "... or ..."
31. Sue Grafton's "___ for Lawless"
34. A chip, maybe
35. Draconian
37. Confined, with "up"
38. Chester White's home
39. Henry ___
40. Club used by police in India
41. Preschool for children age 4 to 6
44. Facing
47. Long, long time
48. 0000001 joule
49. Dig, so to speak
50. Undertake, with "out"
51. Hunted
52. Opinion piece
56. Announce
57. Boring
58. Gp. with Indonesia and Algeria as members
59. Aardvark fare
60. Crime boss
61. French door part

Down

1. Father's aunt
2. Trait of great self-denial

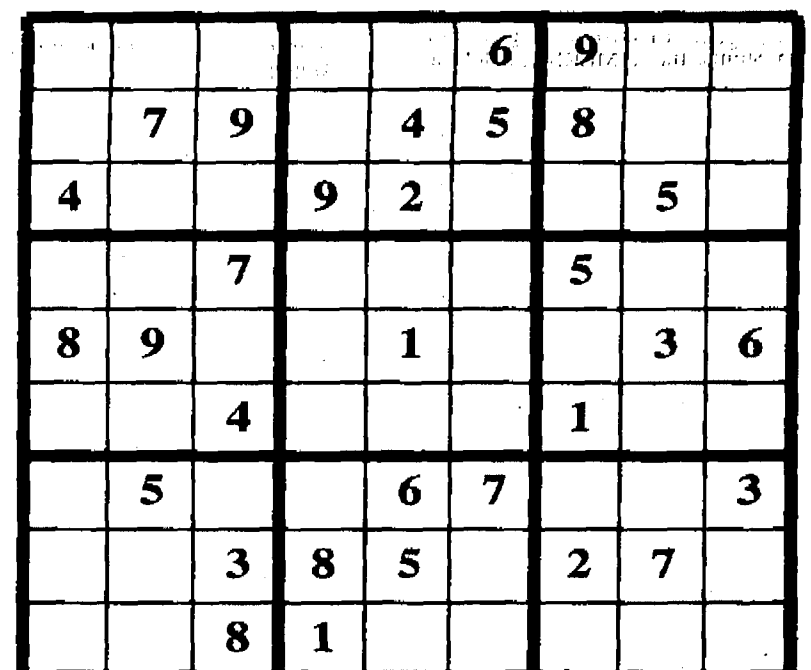
3. Creep

4. Oolong, for one
5. Systems of principles or beliefs
6. Combining form meaning "left"
7. "___ to Billie Joe"
8. Campaigner, for short
9. Gap
10. All excited
11. Area of South Africa
12. In a dry laconic manner
17. Perry Como's "___ Loves Mambo"
18. Be bombastic
19. Release or emit gas
23. Clock standard: Abbr.
24. Misfortunes
25. "The Turtle" poet
27. A pint, maybe
28. Cliffside dwelling
31. Athletes who have earned a letter in a school sport
32. State of being a fixed characteristic
33. Mean
35. Back
36. Boosts
37. When it's broken, that's good
39. Any of various insectivorous American birds chiefly olive-grey in color
40. PC linkup
41. Limestone landscapes characterized by water erosion features
42. Bounce back again
43. Attend
44. Paperlike cloth made in the South Pacific
45. Ancient Greek theater
46. Beat
50. High-five, e.g.
51. Insect stage
53. "ER" network
54. ___ grecque (cooked in olive oil, lemon juice, wine and herbs, and served cold)
55. Chop (off)

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

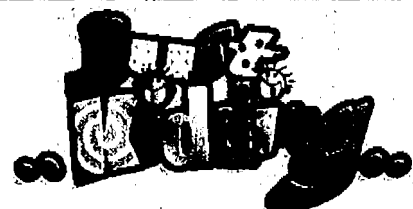
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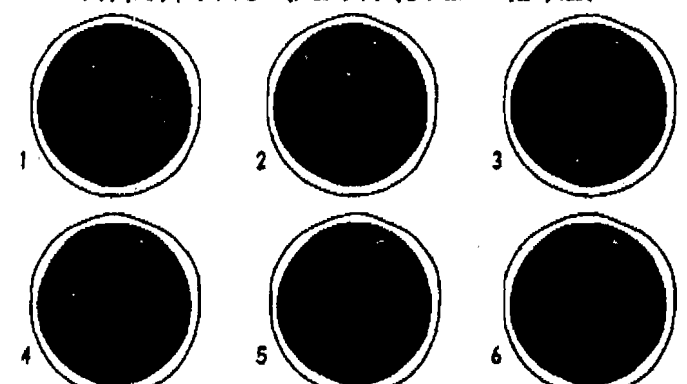
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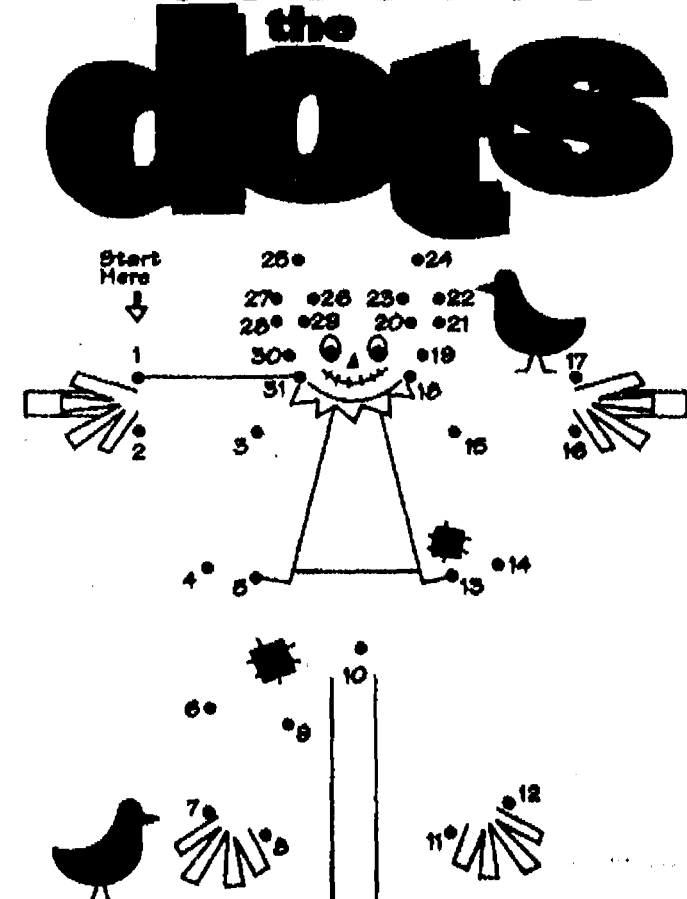


FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



Connect the dots



HOROSCOPES

For the week of November 6, 2008



December 22-January 19

You are a master of disguise and that will come in handy soon. Capricorn. A well-established rule at home continues to be undermined. Time to get tough.



March 21-April 19

You will be taking more risks than usual this week. Aries. And many of them will pay out. An assignment at work requires the assistance of others.



June 22-July 22

Imagination is working overtime. Cancer. And the things you think you heard may or may not be true. A check arrives in the mail just in time to complete a project.



September 23-October 22

No, Libra. Fishing for information at home is not a good idea. You will find out what is going on all in good time. A friend offers advice on a matter close to your heart.



January 20-February 18

The joke's on you at work, Aquarius, and all eyes are waiting to see your reaction. Now is not the time to make yourself vulnerable, so laugh it off.



April 20-May 20

Roll with the punches at work, Taurus, and don't ask questions. You are not in the position to do so. A bevy of blessings makes the weekend bright.



July 23-August 22

Go ahead and set the bar high for yourself, Leo, but don't do so with others. Not everyone is a perfectionist like you, so cut your friends and family members some slack.



October 23-November 21

The power of persuasion is all yours, Scorpio. You will not have to make promises or threats to get what you want. All you will have to do is ask.



February 19-March 20

Yes, Pisces, old habits die hard, but it can be done. Muster up your courage and set your mind to it. You can do it! A health issue depends upon it.



May 21-June 21

Wisdom is your friend and now is the time to make all of those decisions you've been putting off. You cannot go wrong. Bring family together to end the week on top.



August 23-September 22

You will be put into a sticky situation at home this week, Virgo, and you must react calmly. An upheaval at work gives everyone the jitters. Adapt and you will benefit.



November 22-December 21

You must play an upcoming visit by ear, Sagittarius. A lingering ailment will go smoothly with the right preparation. Roll up your sleeves and get down to business.

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today!



Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick is a handsome one year old cat. He has a very nice orange tabby coat and a nice personality. This kitty is active and playful. He does well with other cats and is not afraid of dogs.



Raider

Raider is a really cool two to three year old buff tabby. He has a funny little stubby tail and a sweet disposition. This is an affectionate and easy going cat. He is good with other cats and okay with dogs.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,

10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

NUEVO CHIPOTLE BEEF IN BUTTERNUT SQUASH BOATS

Ingredients:

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 1/2 lbs. beef for stew | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1/3 cup water | 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper |
| 1/4 cup tomato paste | 1 medium tomato, chopped |
| 2 Tbsp. brown sugar | 1 1/2 cups water |
| 2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar | 1 medium butternut squash (about 3 lbs.) |
| 2 tsp. ground chipotle chile pepper | 1 small, ripe avocado, cut into cubes (optional) |
| 1 tsp. ground cumin | 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro |

Directions: Preheat oven to 325°F. Place beef, water, tomato paste, sugar, vinegar, chipotle pepper, cumin, salt and black pepper in stockpot. Cover and bake in oven 1 3/4 to 2 1/4 hours or until beef is fork-tender. Meanwhile, cut squash lengthwise into quarters; remove seeds. Place squash cut side down in 13x9-inch glass baking dish, overlapping if necessary. Add water. Bake in oven 1 to 1 1/4 hours or until fork-tender. Place each baked squash quarter onto serving plate. Fill with equal amounts of beef mixture. Top with tomato and avocado, if desired. Sprinkle with cilantro.

Total prep and cook time: 2 to 2 3/4 hours
Makes 4 servings

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

| Date | H | L | Precip |
|-------|----|----|--------|
| 10/28 | 41 | 31 | 0.11 |
| 10/29 | 36 | 31 | 0.11 |
| 10/30 | 38 | 21 | 0 |
| 10/31 | 53 | 23 | 0.01 |
| 11/1 | 61 | 25 | 0 |
| 11/2 | 40 | 20 | 0 |
| 11/3 | 51 | 22 | 0.08 |

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
|---------------|---------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | |
| High 63 | High 51 | High 44 | High 42 | High 40 | High 41 |
| Low 41 | Low 36 | Low 28 | Low 26 | Low 25 | Low 28 |
| Partly Cloudy | Showers | Rain/ Snow Showers | Snow Showers | Few Showers | Rain/ Snow Showers |

Classified

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Classifieds must be paid for in advance
Display Advertising Rate - \$8 per column inch
Deadline for Display Classifieds - Noon, Monday
Classifieds by the word rates - \$6 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes internet listings: www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com
Classified by the word deadline - Noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

CHECK OUT for sale by owner.com, listing 21561904, for a super deal on a Grayling AuSable river home, or call 989-348-2083. (10/30/08tf/1)

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, 1560 sq. ft. home with attached garage. Public and private access to mainstream river. Six miles east. \$140,000. 348-4840. (-16-23-30-6/1)

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. FHA, no money down available. \$89,000. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/1)

1. Real Estate

SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM RANCH Backs state land and trails. Garage, large shed, fence, sprinklers and decks. Land contract possible. \$58,500. Brian 989-387-0738. (LR11/6/08/1)

POSSIBLE LAND CONTRACT 10% down, 10 acres, two-story house, attached garage, four outbuildings, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, basement, new boiler in 2006, auxiliary wood stove, gas log stove in living room, hunt in backyard. 2.8 miles from I-75, blacktop road. \$139,000, additional 12 acres available \$39,000. Call 989-390-2934. (-6-13-20/1)

3 BEDROOM 1 1/2 baths, 713 Michigan Avenue, corner of Michigan and Elm Street. 348-2741. (10/30/08tf/1)

4 WOODED ACRES on paved county maintained road, between Grayling and Kalkaska. Three miles off M-72. \$15,000. 810-231-7726. (-30-6-13/1)

2. For Rent

Cobble Creek II Apartments

Offered in Crawford County by Gardner Management
Newly renovated inside and out.
One and Two Bedroom Units Available

Heat, Water, Sewer, Landscaping, Snowplowing and Trash Removal Included with Rent

• Barrier Free Units Available
• Laundry Facilities
• Rent Based on Income

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
231-624-1564

TDD 1-800-760-1997
or pick up application at property

140 Knight St., Grayling

Income Restrictions Apply

1. Real Estate

1. Real Estate

LOW INCOME Government issued loans available now! Low mortgage rates, take advantage of the housing market now! Call Scott Hanson at Century 21 River Country, 989-348-5474, to see if you qualify. (-30-6-13-20/1)

2. For Rent

1 & 2 BEDROOM DUPLEX \$425 to \$550, some utilities. 348-5230. (-6-13-20-27/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

1. Real Estate

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of your income; low to moderate incomes are welcome. Barrier free apartment waiting list is currently open. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral decor, and spacious living areas, also a very nice playground area. Free heat and free hot water. For Personal showing please call Jerry @ (989) 344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (-30-6-13-20/2)

HOME FOR RENT 2 bedroom, washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, attached garage with lots of storage. Low utility use. 989-348-8471. (-30-6-13-20/2)

MOBILE HOMES and cabins at Lost Acres. Cabins from \$250 - \$375 with free utilities. 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities. No pets at all. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27. 877-227-6976, www.qualityhome-rentals.net. Northern Michigan Units. (10/23/08tf/2)

SMALL FURNISHED 2 bedroom 1 bath cottage with garage, 12 minutes south of Grayling, \$500 a month, first and last month rent. Credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-30-6/2)

LOG HOME Beautiful, large, secluded, on East Branch surrounded by Hartwick Pines, \$700 month. 989-821-8008. (-23-30-6-13/2)

FOR RENT 1 bedroom house. \$500 a month plus utilities, \$400 security deposit required. 101 D. State Street. Call 348-4464. (-6/2)

FULLY FURNISHED 800 sq. ft. home near Lake Margrethe, daily, weekly, monthly, spotless clean, temporary workers, vacation. Call 989-348-8627. (-30-6-13-20/2)

TWO BEDROOM 1 bath. Washer and dryer hook up, refrigerator and range included, utilities not included, no pets. \$450 a month plus security. 6272 Old Lake Rd. 989-348-4716. (11/6/08tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom, 2 bath, nonsmoking, no pets. Six miles east, \$550 a month plus electric. 348-4840. (-6-13/2)

HOME FOR RENT 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of your income; low to moderate incomes are welcome. Barrier free apartment waiting list is currently open. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral decor, and spacious living areas. Free heat and free hot water. For a personal showing please call Jerry @ (989) 344-0020.

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2A. Want To Rent

MICHIGAN WORKS!

Michigan Works! Region 7B Consortium Prisoner Re-Entry Program looking for Land Lords with furnished space that is available on a weekly or monthly basis in the following counties Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon counties. For more information please call 1-989-329-5869.

Michigan Works! is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary Aids and Services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center (Voice & TDD) 1-800-649-3777.

2. For Rent

FOR RENT Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. \$750 per month, \$750 security deposit required. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/2)

2 BEDROOM 1 bath, washer and dryer hook up, nonsmoking. \$450 per month. 390-2908 or 348-9116. (10/16/08tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom mobile home with stove and refrigerator. Natural gas heat and electricity not included. \$375 per month with \$200 deposit. Call 348-4131. No pets. (-30-6/2)

KITCHENETTE UNITS FOR RENT by the week or month. 989-348-8471. (-30-6-13-20/2)

BEAUTIFUL FULLY FURNISHED Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olsen, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (10/30/08tf/2)

BEAUTIFUL CABINS FOR RENT by Lake Margrethe. One-half mile from Camp Grayling. Fully furnished, includes garbage removal, snowplowing and free cable. Lake Margrethe public access for boats and ice fishing. Best rates are available for you. \$100 a week for lakeside rental and \$80 a week for cozy studio. Very quiet atmosphere. Call 348-2318 after 4 p.m. Pets considered. References and a small security deposit required. (-6/2)

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE

Newly remodeled 800 sq. ft. natural gas heat, central air, nice environment, kitchen and bath, high traffic exposure, blacktop parking lot. \$650.00 a month.

Contact Charlene Scheer or Craig Hinkle at RE/MAX of Grayling (989) 348-7440

2A. Want To Rent

2. For Rent

COZY - CLEAN Two bedroom, mostly furnished lake house rental. Available immediately. Washer and dryer. Security deposit required, \$650 a month. Call 989-348-3995. (-6-13-20/2)

1 BEDROOM DUPLEX Furnished, utilities included, monthly \$700. 348-5230. (-6-13-20-27/2)

LOVELY 3 BEDROOM 2 bath home with two car garage in town. Includes stove, refrigerator and dryer. Fenced back yard. No pets. Leave message at 348-5879. (-6-13/2)

NEWLY REMODELED Fully furnished 2 1/2 bedroom home on west side of Houghton Lake. \$600 a month plus utilities. Perfect for temporary workers. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE 1 full bath, range and refrigerator. No pets. \$350 a month plus security deposit, tenant pays utilities. 989-348-4716. (11/6/08tf/2)

3. Employment

THE 46TH CIRCUIT COURT will be accepting applications and resumes for a part-time (less than 31 hours per week / no fringe benefits), non-union Friend of the Court Case Manager position. Qualifications: bachelor's degree in sociology, psychology or other closely related human service field is required and one year of casework experience is preferable. Principle duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: prepare initial recommendations for child support; review support orders, initiate child support enforcement proceedings, interview incarcerated clients for noncompliance, enforce parenting / custody order complaints, interstate enforcement, appear at motion / enforcement hearings to present evidence, and assist in all aspects of Friend of the Court operations pursuant to applicable state and federal statutes and court rules. Starting hourly wage amount is \$13.91 per hour. Applications and resumes must be sent to Thomas M. Haskel, Court Administrator / Referee, 46th Circuit Court, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by November 21, 2008. (-6-13/3)

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

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1. HUNT
2. RENE
3. ESCAPE
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6. TARAMA
7. QUILT
8. ANTE
9. STY
10. KINDER
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SUDOKU

Puzzle 17 (Medium, difficulty rating 6.49)
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RE/MAX of Grayling
5728 M-72 West
(989) 348-7440
www.remax-grayling-mi.com

NEW LISTING
AUSABLE RIVER
TURN THE KEY TO PROFIT 35' FROM THE RIVER'S EDGE 4 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,496 square feet with full unfinished walkout basement. New drywall. This is a handyman special. Would make a great rental. CS-2763 \$46,000

GREAT RECREATIONAL COTTAGE CLOSE TO LAKE MARGRETHE AND SNOWMOBILING 886 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Large enclosed porch with vaulted ceilings. Very nice property semi secluded. CS-2745 \$64,500

VERY WELL MAINTAINED HOME This immaculately kept home has an open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, snack bar with bar stools; appliances include stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Patio door off dining area to back yard. Central air. Two car detached garage w/electric door opener. Move in condition CS-2741 \$79,500

400' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE RIVER Secluded riverfront getaway close to town with 2.7 acres! 1,320 s.f., 3 br, 1 bath, two brick fireplaces, and full walkout basement. 18x20 detached garage. Enjoy the tranquil setting in the gazebo over looking the river. Stairway down to dock in river. CH-2732 \$178,500

150' AUSABLE MAINSTREAM BELOW WAKELEY BRIDGE Adirondack state land on north side. Classic fly fishing retreat. This setting is truly one-of-a-kind. Only 20' off river edge. Swift gravel bottom river, beautiful mature pine & hardwoods make this a unique getaway. Knotty pine interior, fieldstone fireplace, garage and storage shed. Most furniture and contents are included. Additional adjacent river property available. Size and priced. CH-2772 \$210,000

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Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. By Appt. Only

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989-348-5474
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40 ACRES
This property is an excellent wildlife area and is located on stream and pond with a small log cabin that sits close to the creek. Great area for hunting and fishing. Approximately 25% of the land is wooded and dry and the other 75% is marsh. #6031 \$69,000

3. Employment
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 Fax 989-344-4380
 Email: lakeb@trinity-health.org

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Mich-Can Statewide Classified

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Auctions
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Business Opportunities
 ALL CASH CANDY ROUTE. Do you earn up to \$800/day? Your own local candy route. Includes 30 Machines and Candy. All for \$9,995. Call 1-888-744-4851.

Employment
 REACH 3.1 MILLION Michigan readers with a 2 x 2 display ad for only \$999 - Contact this newspaper for details.

DRIVERS: ACT NOW. SIGN-ON
 Bonus 35-41 cpm. Earn over \$1000 weekly. Excellent benefits. Need CDL-A & 3 mos recent OTR. 877-258-8782

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DR. DANIELS AND SON Real Estate Loans. Cash for land contracts. \$10,000 to \$500,000 - Fast funding, free consultation. 800-837-6166. 248-335-6166. allan@drdanielsandson.com

For Sale
 PIONEER DELUXE POLE BUILDINGS - 1' side overhang, 1" fiberglass roof insulation, Galvalume steel, 14 colors, ACQ treated lumber, Licensed and insured, call for quotes. 1-800-292-0679

SAWMILLS FROM ONLY \$2,990.00 Convert your logs to valuable lumber with your own Norwood Portable band sawmill. Log skidders also available. www.norwoodawmills.com/300N - Free information: 1-800-578-1363 ext. 300-N

Miscellaneous
 DONATE VEHICLE: RECEIVE \$1,000 grocery coupons, your choice. Noah's Ark, no kill animal shelters. Advance veterinary treatments. Free towing, IRS tax deduction. Non-runners. 1-866-912-GIVE

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3. Employment
HELP WANTED HINTS
 When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

3. Employment
CRAWFORD COUNTY MSU EXTENSION
 Program Associate. Peer counseling for Mother-To-Mother Breastfeeding Initiative in Crawford County. Fifty percent time, granted funded. Mother with previous breastfeeding experience as support person for other mothers in our community. High school diploma, experience with young families, ability to work with adults, nurturing and supportive, good oral and written communication skills. Training provided. Valid driver's license and car. Position housed in the Crawford County MSU Extension Office. Send resume and letter of interest to: Mother-To-Mother Breastfeeding Initiative, Crawford MSU Extension, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline for applications is November 7, 2008. A more detailed job description available upon request by calling 989-344-3264. (-30-6/3)

4. Services Offered
SEWING, ZIPPERS, QUILTER Open 6 days a week. (989)348-9349. (1/11/07tf/4)

SNOW PLOWING
 Residential, M-72 West, Grayling area. Call 989-619-9874. (-30-6-13-20/4)

SNOW PLOWING
 Reasonable rates and senior discounts, 989-390-1850. (-6-13-20-27/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

FALL CLEAN UP Big truck and tool, roof and gutter clean, debris hauling, chain saw work and snowplowing. 30 plus years experience, Grayling area. Call Jerry at 989-348-7046. (-6-13/4)

RESIDENTIAL SNOW-PLOWING Grayling area, Lake Margrethe area. 989-348-9233. (10/23/08tf/4)

5. For Sale
GRAYLING'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WALK
 2008 will be Saturday, November 15, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mark your calendar! (-23-30-6/5)

WAKELEY'S FIREWOOD seasoned oak, cut, split & delivered \$55 a cord. Minimum 2 cord. 989-348-7839 or 989-348-8280. (-16-23-30-6/5)

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DELIVERY TIMES for Angel Food changed November 22, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Final order November 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (11/6/08tygd/8)

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Grayling. November 14 and 15. (sgf-30-6/8)

8 Announcements

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9. Personals

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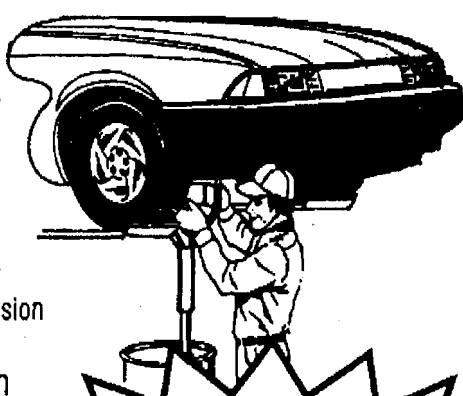
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